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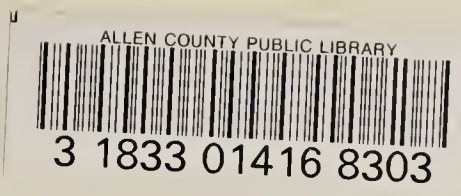
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The absence of verifiable paternal family records with more continuity than about two generations and which were confined to the statistics of the individual family units prompted the initial inquiries for this project about 1915. The primary objective was to develop and assemble all possible data concerning the above named family of JOHN MEGEE, and the direct line of descendants to the writer, from the earliest documented record of their living in lower Delaware.

Great changes began taking place in the national economy of these United States by late 1915, because of the European War which started during the second half of 1914 and which threatened to engulf our Country as well as the major powers of the World. This War did later create a situation that culminated in a Declaration of War by the United States against the Central Powers of Europe known as the Triple Alliance; namely Austria-Hungary, Germany and Italy, in the Spring of 1917. These History making events brought about an indefinite suspension of the "spade work" concerning the proposed FAMILY TREE PROJECT.

Within a comparatively short period following the termination of World War I and the subsequent return of the Railroads of this Country by the National Government to private operation, the writer after a collective total of eighteen years in the transportation departments of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway (now (1960) known as the Baltimore and Eastern) and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, went with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, predecessor of the Association of American Railroads, which change in name became effective in 1935.

In the new connection as a fieldman, the "home base" location was in Buffalo, Detroit and Pittsburgh for a collective total of almost eighteen years. During the second half of the 1930's while located in Pittsburgh, the FAMILY TREE PROJECT was reactivated by questionnaire, calling attention to the original "spade work" of some decades earlier. Among those addressed in this new inquiry was a first cousin William H. Megee Jr., who with his wife Emily (Johnson) Fox Megee became much interested. The writer's home file includes the originals and copies of several exchanges with them in 1939 and the first quarter of 1940.

Then came a transfer to the Association headquarters in Washington, D. C., effective January 1, 1941, and for a full decade due to the exigencies created by World War II and the early post-





war years all work on the "TREE PROJECT" was suspended. In the meantime the lifespan of the earlier contacts was expiring at a rate which made it necessary to take inventory and consider a broadened concept of the original 1915 and 1939 objectives.

In 1950-1951 the PROJECT was again revived with a somewhat expanded scope, for exploration and development of additional sources of information pertinent to the overall objective. Among the new contacts was Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin of Philadelphia, a native of the Clarksville and Millville area of Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County. These exchanges made a valuable contribution, as will be evidenced by later references herein, principally under the third and fourth generations of descendants of William Megee, b. 1775---d. 1837.

A further very fruitful source of information were the checks of the U. S. Census records for Sussex County, Delaware, for each decennial 1800 to 1880 inclusive, with the single exception of 1860, certain data from the National Archives and the D.A.R. records available in Washington, D. C. The results of these checks prompted the definite adoption of the proposed expansion in scope as will be hereinafter noted.

Following the writer's retirement November 30, 1958, after more than fifty-three years of continuous service with two railroads and the Association of American Railroads, the FAMILY TREE PROJECT was renewed more intensively and has been progressed with reasonable constancy since.

Due to the apparent lack of records or inability to locate verified documented records there were still a large number of "missing links" of unsolved and unproven items as of early December 1959, particularly with respect to the first and second generations in Sussex County, Delaware. The many loose ends were seemingly too elusive to be satisfactorily developed by the writer. It was essential that these numerous items, ---- basic "missing links" believed to be an integral part of the Family Tree Project as a whole, be cleared up and authenticated to insure them being properly pegged in the genealogical chart of approximately 200 years in Sussex County. It was vitally necessary to find verifiable answers, in order to conclude this long-time-in-progress work, -----or definitely abandon the entire PROJECT.

In response to inquiries and recommendations, the writer was fortunate in January 1960, in securing the part time service as convenient of Mrs. D. Anthony Potter, of Lewes, Delaware, to make a thorough exploration of all available records of Sussex County and the State Archives at Dover, Delaware, respectively, which were in any manner relevant to the "heresay, handed-down" (but unverified) reports of five family members of the first generation in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, and their descendants, namely:

JOHN-----SAMUEL-----ISAIAH-----LEVIN-----THOMAS MEGEE





The genealogist Mrs. Potter was given the benefit of the data collected up that time (January 1960) concerning the family generations reportedly in Indian River Hundred, prior to the birth of MOSES MEGEE (b. 1819-----d. 1888. (the writer's grandfather)

The family Bible of Moses Megee (b. 1819) lists him as the son of William Megee b. 1775, (who died in 1837). The writer recalls hearing his father and two or more of the latter's older brothers on some few and far between periods refer to the earlier generations but, never with any verifiable references. A conversation about 1915 between the writer's father Alfred H. Megee (b. 1865) and his eldest brother Captain John R. Megee, (b.1847) held in Milton with the writer as an attentive listener was more embracive than any previous exchanges ever heard from the family descendants of Moses Megee.

Captain John R. said that it was his understanding from recollections of remarks made by his father Moses (b. 1819) that the latter's grandfather was a JOHN MEGEE who lived in that portion of Indian River Hundred that might be termed the vicinity of Zoar Church and cross-roads; further, that there were some three or four others of the same family name in the same general area, reportedly related to the said JOHN MEGEE but that he did not know or recall what degree of relationship, whether brothers or just what connection. He also said that two or three of these reported members of the family were understood to have served in the Delaware regiments of the Revolutionary War. Two names which he mentioned as reportedly having War service records were Samuel and Levin. Captain John R. knew of no verifiable references. His remarks consisted entirely of recollections.

Mrs. Potter was asked to start with JOHN MEGEE who was listed as a taxable of Indian River Hundred in 1785; listed as a property owner in the reconstructed Census for Delaware in 1790, by Leon DeValinger Jr. State Archivist of Delaware, and in the U. S. Census reports for 1800 and 1810, with the specific objectives of determining:

(1) A possible verified relationship of the aforementioned JOHN--SAMUEL--ISAIAH--LEVIN-- and THOMAS MEGEE; (2) To develop all available information concerning each, with respect to; (3) Their proven existence; (4) Marriages, issue, deaths, estate settlements and descendants.

Mrs. Potter's experience and knowledge have brought forth a large collection of essential, highly constructive and valuable data. These important findings have been supported with verified references, and other authenticated memoranda, such as excerpts from Deeds, Wills, Court procedures, State Archives material, tomb stone markings and other sources. With these chronologically arranged developments, this FAMILY TREE PROJECT is being concluded, (not completed) with the definite belief that it represents an organized assemblage of all available pertinent information in Sussex County since approximately 1750---1770, and as nearly complete as practical to accomplish.





The exploration, processing and bringing together of this material would have been infinitely easier in the 'teens than in 1960---1962. There were many who were living in the 'teen years, or even to the 1920's, who could have furnished a wealth of leads and information pertinent to the subject. There were many who may have reached "Journey's End" during the 1850---1915 period who left little in the way of Family Bible data or other records but those memories were still "green" or alive in the thoughts of their first line descendants, up to the 1920's at least.

Certain branches of the family seem to have "died out" during the past three or four decades, especially on the male side which is the easier to trace. Every practical effort has been expended to investigate all possible known trails. However, there were many which were so inadequately marked that they became "lost" or greatly obscured in the maze of apparent lack of authenticated records, as well as by scattering of some units of the several family lines. Through persistent research a very gratifying degree of provable results has been achieved.

Considering the many and varied difficulties confronting the average early settlers from 1607 in Virginia to the American Revolution and post-Revolution period in this new Country stretching from New Hampshire to Georgia inclusive with primitive communications; the primary needs for food, shelter and self preservation; the effort to carve out "A place in the Sun" for themselves and their children, and the constant pushing back to new frontiers westward from the Atlantic ocean and its coastal tributaries, it is not difficult for one to visualize that for the average family unit or even a group settlement, there was little time to devote to assemblage or maintenance of chronological records or statistics for their posterity.

The early Church records as evidenced by Stepney Parish, Somerset County, Maryland (apparently that portion of said State east of the Nanticoke river); by St. George's Chapel of Indian River Hundred, land for which was deeded by gift for its establishment about 1706, and many others of that era, were used to a great extent for the recording of births, marriages and deaths.

The County seats of Government (for example, Princess Anne, of Somerset County, Maryland and Lewis Town till about 1791, thence Georgetown, in Sussex County) were the repositories for Deeds, Wills, Estates settlements and pertinent subjects. The volume of records and vital statistics which have been maintained and can be located is truly remarkable. Naturally not nearly all the family statistics were filed with the churches, and it is possible many items of such data may not have been thoroughly preserved. Likewise, it is possible that not all deeds or estate settlements were permanently preserved by the Counties, as is evidenced by some gaps in such data.

Since there are admittedly some "breaks" in the early records of Sussex County, there are by the same token certain items which are still incomplete herein. However, it is hoped that the information hereinafter chronicled will serve as a satisfactory guide





for those who may at some future time have a penchant to re-examine the premises and pursue the seeming "missing links" of this PROJECT.

Genealogist Walter B. Norris, of Annapolis, Maryland, mentioned elsewhere herein, under date of November 7, 1962, in commenting by memorandum on his investigations for the writer during the year of 1962, of Maryland records closed his remarks with this sentence; ---"With all the members of a family of the name of Magee, Megee, McGee and some other variants of spelling, who apparently came to America from the earliest days up to 1850, it is curious that no one until you came along, has tried to work out a comprehensive genealogy of such an old and well-known family in lower Delaware and Somerset-Worcester Counties of Maryland."

The writer can also thoroughly appreciate, (apropos the above quoted sentence) an excerpt taken from the remarks made by the well known Attorney-at-law Houston Wilson, of Georgetown, Delaware, which was carried in the SUSSEX COUNTIAN, in 1960:

"WILSON SPEAKS: Houston Wilson was Delaware Day speaker at the meeting of the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club in Masonic Temple. He sketched Delaware history and remarked; --- 'No people are more prone to brag about their historical background, and have less original records to prove it, than we Delawareans.' --- He reviewed much of the early history of the State."

With respect to the basic premise concerning the five reported family members of Indian River Hundred in the pre-Revolutionary period; The genealogist Mrs. Potter developed authenticated records for:

JOHN-----SAMUEL-----ISAIAH-----LEVIN

There is documentary evidence which definitely links a relationship on the part of both Samuel and Levin of Indian River Hundred to JOHN MEGEE a resident of the same Hundred from about 1773 until his death very early in 1813. See narratives for said Samuel and Levin under APPENDIX "A" attached.

The possible relationship of Isaiah Megee--McGee (spelled both ways) of Indian River Hundred to JOHN MEGEE of the same Hundred is presumptive and unsupported by documentary evidence. See narrative of said Isaiah under SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX "A".

No record was located of any Thomas Magee or Megee of Indian River Hundred in the pre-Revolutionary era or subsequent thereto. However, there was a Thomas McGee (as spelled on the record) listed as a taxable in Baltimore Hundred in 1785, indicating that he was a property owner. (See SCHARF'S HISTORY OF DELAWARE, Vol. II). There was also another reference to this Thomas in the same Hundred in 1790. It is possible there was a relationship between this Thomas and JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, in fact they could have been brothers. However, there's no documentary evidence to support this gratuitous presumption. See narrative of Thomas Magee--McGee under APPENDIX "A".





In connection with the explorations of State and County records by the genealogist Mrs. Potter, there were a number of strong indications that the Magees--Megees of Indian River Hundred in the period prior to, and with the American Revolution era came from Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland. (the second named County being established in 1742) Among some of the factors which appeared to lend substantial weight to that conclusion were:

(1) The inability to locate any person of the name Magee---Megee---McGee among the passenger lists of inbound ships for Lewis Town, New Castle, and Wilmington (at least from the lists available) which were the early ports of entry to the "Three lower Counties on the Delaware".

(2) The pre-Revolutionary War period, as well as the post war period shows a number of Magees--Megees--McGees in Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland.

"An area of Sussex County (roughly speaking that portion south of the Indian River, Millsboro, Broad Creek, Laurel, and the Nanticoke River) was claimed by both Lord Baltimore and William Penn, for almost 100 years after Penn acquired the Charter to, 'The three lower Counties on the Delaware', and arrived at New Castle in the good ship WELCOME."

"After a long period of dispute, the subject was filed with the Court of Chancery in England, and finally decided in favor of William Penn in 1760. Frederick the last Lord Baltimore, agreed in writing to this decision, without further appeal."

"A joint Commission was named. They met in New Castle, November 19, 1760, and began to draw boundary lines. In August 1763, Lord Baltimore and Richard Penn employed Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, of England to --- 'Mark, run out, settle and fix the boundaries as were mentioned in the several articles of the Commission and were not yet completed'".

"The work was carried out successfully and the final report was submitted by the Commission, in November 1768. The final Proclamation of the Governor of Pennsylvania announcing the completion of the work was not issued until April 8, 1775. A special Act was passed by the territorial assembly of ---- 'the lower counties on the Delaware' and ---- 'expressly stating the boundaries of Kent, Sussex and New Castle Counties, and declaring that all persons who had resided in the disputed territory, but now acknowledged citizens of the lower counties, should enjoy all the rights and privileges therein, as though no controversy had ever existed.'" --- the early grants of land in those areas above named in lower Sussex were made by Maryland.

NOTE:----- The four quoted paragraphs beginning with item "(2)" were taken from the HISTORY OF DELAWARE by J. Thomas Scharf, 1609--1888, in two Volumes, See Chapter XI, "Boundary disputes and settlements" on pages 108--123 in Volume I.





Further, for example, from said Scharf's History, page 1315, Little Creek Hundred, --- "Before the establishment of State lines, all of the territory in this Hundred formed a part of Somerset County, Maryland." Additionally, on page 1339 of the same Volume II, of the aforementioned History, --- "The right to the possession of BALTIMORE HUNDRED for nearly a century previous to 1775 was in dispute, between Maryland and Delaware. The land warrants issued before settlement of the dispute, were claimed to be in Worcester County."

The several indications of an apparent movement from northern Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland, to lower Sussex County, Delaware, were undoubtedly due in part to the aforementioned Proclamation of April 8, 1775 making effective the new boundary line between Delaware and Maryland, which resulted in change of state location for many people, without any physical movement of persons or personal property; And in part to the actual movement to new locations including certain of the Magees--Megees to Indian River Hundred in Sussex County.

The continued findings prompted the genealogist Mrs. Potter to make a brief trip to Princess Anne, and Snow Hill, Maryland (County seats of Somerset and Worcester respectively) in the Spring of 1960, at which time she suggested that based upon the preliminary survey she strongly recommended that the records of the two Maryland Counties named be carefully checked and studied by a Maryland genealogist, for earlier data in the FAMILY TREE PROJECT, for Magees and Megees, that it was impractical for her to undertake this phase of the RESEARCH.

In early 1962, following the closing of the section titled, FOURTH GENERATION and later descendants of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, the writer was fortunate in securing the part time services --- "If, as and when needed" of Walter B. Norris, a retired Professor of History for some thirty-eight years for the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Professor Norris has written a History of Annapolis, (which the writer has seen) and other Historical works. He is a genealogist of record and resides in Annapolis. He made a total of three trips to the Delmarva Peninsula, including Princess Anne, Snow Hill, Georgetown, and Dover. Also a painstaking research of the Maryland State Archives at Annapolis and the Maryland Historical Society records in Baltimore, Maryland.

His reports in May, July and October 1962, with excerpts from the large volume of his "Work sheets-in-the-rough" were used as the basis of the separate write-up attached hereto and made an important part of this overall project, identified as APPENDIX "A", titled--- "The Magees---Megees---of Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland." This APPENDIX "A" includes the earlier ancestors of JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, also certain contemporaries of the family who continued to reside in said Maryland Counties beginning with the 1680's, to the extent that data was located.





The handed down christian names of the family seem more than incidental. For example, the several JOHN's---MOSES'---Peter---Samuel, etc., have been difficult to separate but, for the most part have been determined. Certain basic items of the comprehensive research by genealogist Norris confirms the preliminary survey by Mrs. Potter at Princess Anne and Snow Hill, and certainly justify the suggestion which she advanced for a thorough examination of Maryland records. The results make for a much greater verified detail of approximately 90 years between the 1680's in Somerset County, and the advent of JOHN MEGEE (II) and his wife Ann in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County.

During the lower Delaware research for this FAMILY TREE PROJECT the genealogist developed concurrently with the routine checking of data a number of Magees---Megees---McGees (as spelled on the records) for whom no direct line of our family relationships were found. Many of these were later investigated, and virtually in all instances a full measure of cooperation was received from those contacted by mail and in person.

Several of these branches are being consolidated and attached hereto under APPENDICES "B" --- "C" --- and "D", dealing principally with Little Creek, Broadkilm, and Baltimore Hundreds respectively. This seems preferable to discarding these memoranda entirely and thereby possibly losing sight of certain information which may well be of distinct assistance and value to other researchers at some future dates.

At this point it is desired to express heartfelt thanks and gratefulness to the large number of persons contacted over the years, and especially since 1950 under the expanded scope of coverage. Practically every one has been generous in their cooperation. Naturally there have been some who have continued to keep in contact and assist much beyond the routine replies to specific inquiries. It is impractical to name all. However, among those who have contributed so generously with their time and suggestions are: The late Charles B. Megee in the Spring of 1939; Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, daughter Ethella and grandson James W. Dutterer; Mrs. Allie (Megee) Rickards; Mrs. Dorothy (Megee) Burton; the Late Handy H. Megee; Mrs. Isabelle (Megee) Johnson; Mrs. Laura (Magee) Clark; The late Noah W. McGee b. 1872---d. 1960 Pocomoke City, Maryland; his daughter Mrs. Dr. R. W. Rainey (nee Alberta McGee) and especially his grandson, Robert F. (Bob) Jones; F. H. (Bert) Young a former co-worker in the Washington office of the AAR; Mrs. Harold D. Bates (nee Anne Irwin Megee); Mrs. Una (Megee) Pride Kramer; Robert L. (Bob) Megee; Capt. T. Clarke Conwell, V. P. and Director, American President Steamship Lines, who has contributed so generously with respect to the seafaring service of the several Captains Megee (five brothers and one second cousin of the Fourth Generation and seven family members of the fifth-sixth generations; And brother L. Nelson Megee who has been very helpful. Again, the prompt and generous cooperation on the part of every one has served to add materially to the enjoyment and accomplishments of this CONCLUDED PROJECT.





These INTRODUCTORY remarks seem desirable in the interest of clarifying and providing the premise upon which this PROJECT has been progressed to a conclusion. The details will start with the first provable generation of our family in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, namely JOHN and his wife ANN MEGEE, identified as FIRST generation. The succeeding generations will be listed accordingly as SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, ETC.

By ----- Caleb Rodney Megee,  
Fifth generation, b. 12-7-1888.

Washington 15, D. C.  
May 31, -----1963.





F I R S T G E N E R A T I O N  
 Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware  
 of  
 JOHN AND ANN MEGEE  
 and/or Their Descendants

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JOHN MEGEE (II) believed born about 1740, upper Somerset County, Maryland, a son of Peter and Mary (Noble) Magee, who were married in 1736, according to the records of Stepney Parish, of the above named County.

NOTE: See Appendix "A" attached hereto, for the earliest documented family progenitors in Somerset County, Maryland in the 1680's, almost one hundred years prior to the American Revolution. The births of three sons to GEORGE AND MAUDLIN MAGEE as listed in the records of Stepney Parish; The settlement of said George Magee's estate in 1713-1714 by Administrator John Magee (I); The Will of John Magee dated in 1728 and probated in 1729, with very strong presumptive evidence that this was the same person who served as Administrator for the George Magee estate in 1713; The reason for designating the first JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred as JOHN (II), etc.

Appendix "A" summarizes at some length the data developed from Somerset and Worcester Counties records, (the second named County having been established in 1742) with respect to George and Maudlin (also listed as Magdalene) Magee of the 1680's; The Administrator John Magee in 1713-1714; The Will of John Magee (I) in 1728-1729, and descendants, especially concerning PETER MAGEE (II) 'son of John Magee (I), and father of JOHN MEGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred, above captioned.

JOHN MAGEE MEGEE (II) b. about 1740, (see Appendix "A") was probably the oldest of four adult children named in his father's Will dated 1762 and probated in 1766. Said John (II) was named as Executor for the estate at which time he was probably around 26 years of age. Based upon the data developed, one may well presume that said John Magee (II) "son of Peter" remained at home and was unmarried prior to 1770.

Somerset County Lib. D.--Fol 260 on January 2, 1769 granted unto John Henry of Somerset County, that part of Rich Ridge, which said John Magee (II) heired from his father, Peter Magee (II) in 1766. The deed shows that John Henry paid "X" amount (English pounds sterling unto said John Magee (II), that the boundary of this Rich Ridge portion, containing 70 acres---- "beginning at a marked Hickory near John Magee's plantation, a little distance from a small swamp to the road that leadeth from Barren Creek Mill to Broad Creek." Signed John Magee. Recorded by John Henry 1--10--1769."

The description, boundary and acreage is exactly the same as used when Peter Magee (II) who died in 1766 purchased this tract





from Thomas Gillis 12-7-1742, except,---that the words, "near John Magee's plantation" have been substituted for the words, "near Peter Magee's plantation" in the deed of 26 years earlier. This would be expected as John (II) heired the 70 acres from his father, and presumably continued to live in the PETER MAGEE (II) homestead property or plantation as named in the deed.

Somerset County Lib. E.--Fol 64; John Magee (II) sold to George Culver for "X" pounds, various items of household goods and other personal property including five head of cattle, ten hogs, etc. dated November 25, 1769.

The recorded sales of Rich Ridge (70 acres) and later in the same year the personal property itemized in the quoted Somerset County record, by John Magee (II) "son of Peter" might indicate a definite change in the status of the household, perhaps his sister Magdalene named as a single woman in his father's Will and estate settlement may have married, or have reached "Journey's End", or possibly he was prompted to "sell off" and move from his native district which, as indicated in several references was in upper Somerset in the vicinity of the headwaters of the Wicomico river, "near Barren Creek Mill on the road leading to Broad Creek".

NOTE: After the decision of the Court of Chancery of England, defining the boundaries of Delaware and Maryland, and the subsequent surveys under the auspices of the jointly created Commission, which later resulted in the formal Proclamation early in 1775 confirming the boundary lines, (see Scharf's History of Delaware, 1609-1888, Vol. I), it is entirely possible that a portion, or all of the home lands of Peter Magee (II), who died in 1766, described as in Somerset County, also certain related family lands in Worcester County, after its creation in 1742, may well have become a part of Little Creek, Broad Creek and Baltimore Hundreds of Sussex County, Delaware.

Walter B. Norris, (a retired Professor of History of the U. S. Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland) a genealogist, reviewed all records available for the MAGEES and MECEES of Somerset and Worcester Counties in 1962, through the State Archives, county and church records and the Maryland Historical Society data of Baltimore, Maryland. Also certain inter-related records of Dover, and Georgetown, Delaware, amplifying the preliminary brief survey by the genealogist Mrs. Potter in 1960. Included in his report and volume of notes ("work sheets") were the following items:

"B.-63--886, Somerset County, 1769-1770, a John Magee is down as marrying Ann."

From the second installment of his report dated July 1962----  
"In 1775, a JOHN MAGEE, who calls himself, Son of Peter,--lives on Indian River, Delaware."

The said JOHN MAGEE (II) named in certain Somerset County records as "Son of Peter" apparently after the sale of real and





personal property in 1769, both recorded documents being signed only by himself, thereby indicating that he was unmarried, did purchase a tract called STEPNEY AND PARISH 52 acres, 9-17-1771, Somerset County deed, E-0-26. See details of this deed and a later one in 1788, selling this tract of land which was apparently located in lower Delaware after 1775, in the latter part of this narrative for JOHN MAGEE (II), along with two later deeds in Indian River Hundred. He apparently moved from upper Somerset County, Md., to Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, around 1773, at least prior to 1775. His uncle Samuel Magee, son of John Magee (I) of Somerset County was reported as living in Indian River Hundred in 1748 and 1753, also in 1772, 1785 and 1790.

The earlier mentioned Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, (1609--1888), Vol. II, page 1271, Indian River Hundred, shows among the named taxables:

JOHN McGEE ----- SAMUEL McGEE ----- ISAIAH McGEE

No others by the names of Magee, Megee or McGee were listed in the aforementioned Hundred, nor in the adjoining Broadkiln, Dagsborough, Lewes and Rehoboth Hundreds in the 1785 compilation.

The "Reconstructed 1790 Census of Delaware" by Leon DeValinger Jr. State Archivist for Delaware, published by the National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C. in 1954, which listed only those taxables who were property owners,-- "Names of those who were not property owners are missing as also are enumerations of women, children or slaves", included under Indian River Hundred, the name of JOHN MEGEE (II). (Brackets by writer)

The U. S. Census for 1800 shows under Indian River Hundred, in Sussex County, the household of JOHN MEGEE with no others of the spelling of Megee--Magee--McGee. In the event there were others, it may be presumed they were not property owners. The christian name of JOHN MAGEE (II's) wife has been taken from the official records of St. George's (P.E.) Chapel, and was included in the results of Mrs. Potter's 1960 investigations.

In the 1810 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred there is listed, JOHN MEGEE Sr. and on the next line is the name of John Megee Jr. who was a son of JOHN Sr. (II) and his wife Ann. Said John Jr. would have been about thirty years old in 1810. (NOTE: The spelling of the name has been as spelled on the U. S. Census reports.)

The St. George's Chapel records checked by Mrs. Potter in 1960 list:

"William, son of John and Ann McGee, b. 9-30-1775."

"Peter, son of John and Ann Magee, born 12-6-17?, baptized 2-1-1778."





The year of Peter's birth was reported blurred and she was unable to say definitely. Considering the date of William's birth and the date of Peter's baptism, one might not be overly presumptuous in assuming that Peter's birth was probably 1777. The two births quoted are valuable in establishing the christian name of JOHN MEGEE's wife, which checks with the information that in 1770 a "JOHN MAGEE was down on the record in Somerset County, Maryland as marrying Ann." It is also interesting to note the church affiliation, as the church affiliation in Somerset County, was Stepney Parish, (P.E.).

In connection with St. George's Chapel, Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, on page 1272, Vol. II reads in part; --- "St. George's is the representation of the earliest organized religious effort in the Hundred, (referring to Indian River Hundred). As early as 1706, Roger Corbett, made over to the Public, one acre of land situated on the South side of Love's Branch, to have and to hold the same for use as aforesaid, with warrants, from him, his heirs and assigns, by deed of gift."

The Indian River Presbyterian Church (page 1274, Vol. II of Scharf's History) is reported to ante-date 1750, or soon after the organization of the Presbyterian Congregation at Cool Spring. (By the way, the Cool Spring Church held its 236th anniversary service in October 1962.)

The Methodist churches of Zoar and Unity, page 1275, Vol. II of Scharf's History are reported as having been built in 1810. St. John's at Johnson's Cross Roads is indicated as having been built about the same time as Zoar.

St. George's Chapel and the Indian River Presbyterian Church, also the Presbyterian Congregation at Cool Spring, were circuit churches attached to Lewes (then known as Lewis Town), Delaware. Considering the existing highways and modes of transportation, when John and Ann's children were born between 1773 or thereabouts and 1789, it was perhaps not always easy to make the services on the Sundays scheduled.

The home of JOHN MAGEE (II) AND HIS WIFE ANN, (at least for two decades prior to his reaching "Journey's End") is believed to have been located between Rosemary and Dutchman's branches, ---between but slightly East of St. John's and Zoar churches, located on the main highway between Millsboro and Milton. While the births of only two of their eight children were found in the records of St. George's, it is possible some of the other six may have been so registered, and the records misplaced or lost.

JOHN MEGEE Sr. (II) apparently died very early in 1813, based upon the date the Court authorized an inventory of personal property, (other than household effects). He was probably about 73 years of age. The proven children of John and Ann Megee were:





Second Generation in Sussex County

Rebecca Megee,	Est'md birth about	1773	-----	died Dec.	1815
William	" , Church record	b. 9-30-1775	-----	" May	1837
Peter	" , " "	b.12- 6-17?*	-----	" Early	1817
John Jr.	" , By U. S. Census	b. year 1780	-----	" July	1851
Anna	" , Believed born about	1783	-----	" Late	1857
Thomas	" , By headstone	b. March 1786	-----	" August	1857
Elizabeth	" , Believed born about	1787	-----	" Year unknown	
Moses	" , By U. S. Census	Year 1789	-----	" Year of	1864

NOTE \*\*: See comment previous page re the year of Peter's birth.

From the U.S. Census of 1800, for Indian River Hundred

		<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>	
Page						
432	Head	Under	16 Years	45 Years	10 Years	16 Years
For	of	16	and under	and	and under	and under
Year	<u>Household</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>26 Years</u>	<u>Upwards</u>	<u>16 Years</u>	<u>26 Years</u>
1800						
	John	2	3	1	1	2
	Megee	Thomas	William	John	Elizabeth	Rebecca
	(Sr.)	Moses	Peter	Megee		Anna
			John Jr.	(Sr.)		

NOTE: The suggested identities by names of the children, supplied by the writer based upon dates of birth. All eight were at home.

From the U.S. Census for 1810, Indian River Hundred

		<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
Page					
91	Head	16 Years	45 Years	16 Years	26 Years
For	of	and Under	and	& Under	& Under
Year	<u>Household</u>	<u>26 Years</u>	<u>Upwards</u>	<u>26 Years</u>	<u>45 Years</u>
1810					
	John	2	1	1	1
	Megee	Thomas	John	Elizabeth	Rebecca
	Sr.	Moses	Megee		
			Sr.		

NOTE: The suggested identities by names supplied by the writer based upon dates of birth. Individual names in a household were not shown until the U. S. Census of 1850.

Anna Megee was married in August 1805. William was married in 1810 (1st time), however, he is not listed as head of a household in 1810, and may have been temporarily at time of Census domiciled with his wife's relatives, or another family. Peter may have been married in 1810 but if so was not listed as the head of a household and must have been living with another family. John Megee Jr. apparently was married (1st time) as he is listed on the Census as head of a household. Thomas and Moses born in 1786 and 1789 were





home in 1810. Elizabeth believed to have been born in 1787 "fits" the age bracket of 16 and under 26 years. Rebecca estimated born about 1773 "fits" the age bracket of 26 and under 45 years in 1810.

Ann Megee, the wife of JOHN Sr. (II) apparently reached "Journey's End" after the birth of Moses in 1789, as she was not included under either the 1800 or 1810 Census record. There was no mention of her in the settlement of JOHN MEGEE Sr's (II) estate in 1813-1814.

William and Rebecca were appointed Administrators of their father's estate. In January 1813, an inventory of personal property (exclusive of household effects) was authorized by the Sussex County Registrar. Said inventory was returned and sworn under oath, 29th of June 1813, signed by--- "Isaac Atkins and Absolom Rust, before Phillips Kollock, Registrar." Among the itemized property and the estimated values were:

"300 bushels of corn, \$150; 1 Horse, black, \$25; 5 Sheep, \$5.00; 16 Stacks of Fodder, \$31.75; 12 Head Hogs, \$17; 1 Pair large oxen, \$22; 1 Cow and Calf, \$9; 1 Cow and Heifer, \$13; 600 Pounds of Pork, \$34.50. The total estimated value of said property which did not include household effects was in excess of \$500.00".

A petition before the Common Pleas Court of Sussex County, February 2, 1813, titled --- "Amicable Action in partition" --- of the John Magee lands, was returned April 24, 1813. The Court approved the "Amicable Agreement by the heirs as final forever". The heirs listed in this petition, and in the Court's approval were:

"William Magee, Rebecca Magee, Peter Magee, John Magee (Jr.), Thomas Magee, Elizabeth Magee, Moses Magee, and William Thoroughgood and Anna his wife, late Anna Magee, heirs of John Magee deceased". The names appear in the record of the Court in the order above written. The name of Anna appearing last was probably to avoid breaking the continuity of the name Magee, in the listing of the previous seven heirs.

An accounting was filed by William and Rebecca Magee as Administrators, on the 4th of January, 1814, showing itemized receipts and disbursements. It was signed and sworn. (The photo-stat copy of this is interesting to study as it shows that William signed his name as---Meagee---and that it looks like he wrote the first two letters---"Me" and then the "agee", as though his attention had suddenly been directed by the County officer, to the proceedings wherein this estate was listed under the spelling of --- Magee.)

A further accounting, (apparently the final) was filed on the 30th of March 1814, including allowances for expenses paid unto William and Rebecca, as Administrators. Collectively these expenses were modest, even under 1814 standards. Photo-stats were secured by the genealogist Mrs. Potter and they are a part of the writer's Home file, covering:---(1) The inventory of personal property;---(2) The "Amicable action in partition" of the John Magee





lands;---(3) The initial accounting by the Administrators January 4, 1814---and (4) the final accounting 3-30-1814.

The genealogist located deeds for each of the allotted portions of land granted the eight children, under the Court approved "Amicable Agreement" except,---the portions for Peter and John, Jr. It is the belief of the genealogist that these two held their allotments during their lifetime, and having no issue, the portion of each was absorbed in the widow's dower, and that there was later a mutual agreement executed by the heirs, as no Court action for distribution has been located. These deeds to the several allotments of land are of course another welded link in further confirming the proven relationships as children of JOHN MEGEE Sr. (II). His wife Ann, as earlier stated, obviously predeceased him, as she is not mentioned in the estate settlement. No data has been found concerning her surname. It is naturally assumed that she was from Somerset County, Maryland, based upon the information reported by genealogist Walter B. Norris in 1962, namely;--- "B-63--886, Somerset County, 1769--1770, a John Magee is down as marrying Ann").

Considering the sale of the 70 acres called Rich Ridge, heired from his father in 1766, and later the sale of personal property, both sales occurring in 1769 and both signed only by himself, it would appear that he must have given thought to migrating to the South or the West as many were doing at that time. With the quoted reference to what appears to be his marriage to Ann in 1770 in the same home County, it would seem that JOHN MAGEE (II) did not only marry but later purchased a tract of land in the same general area of what was then Somerset County, Maryland, but which later (effective early 1775) became a part of lower Delaware, as evidenced by the deed of sale in 1788. Apparently John and Ann subsequently moved to Indian River Hundred prior to 1775.

The several allotments of land under the Court approved "Amicable Agreement", ranged from  $27\frac{1}{2}$  acres to 39 acres for the six heirs for whom deeds have been located. It appears logical that the two missing portions (one each for Peter and John Jr.) probably were in the same range, in fact there is good presumptive grounds for assuming that John Megée Jr.'s portion was for 30 acres (see narrative covering John Jr. under second generation in Sussex County). The voluntary "Amicable Agreement" on the part of the eight heirs certainly represents a very closely knit family, and one that was reared in the application of the "Golden Rule of Life". The total of the JOHN MAGEE Sr., (II) lands is believed to have been slightly more than 250 acres, all of which was free of incumbrance.

The following Deeds of record are quoted in part because of their pertinent interest in the verification of the JOHN MEGEE narrative:

Somerset County, Maryland, Deed Lib. E--206, fol. 144, of March 26, 1771; Ebenezer Waller of Somerset grants JOHN MAGEE of same County (for "X" amount English pounds sterling) all of the tract which said John Magee now lives on, being part of two tracts, one called STEPNEY and one called PARISH, which Thomas Waller by





deed of 1-10-1763 conveyed to John Waller and the said John Waller conveyed to Robert Pitt in 1768 containing 52 acres. On deed from said Thomas Waller to said John Waller, to Robert Pitt will more fully appear this tract called Stepney and Parish, to said John Magee, --- by Ebenezer Waller himself, etc. to said John Magee, etc. March 26, 1771, signed --- Ebenezer Waller.

Sussex County, Delaware, Deed Bk. 14, page 10, July 11, 1788, between John Megee Sr. of Sussex County in the State of Delaware of the one part, and William Low Sr. of the same place of the other part. The said Megee for and in consideration of ("X" amount in English pounds sterling) unto him paid by the aforesaid William Low, hath given, granted, bargained and sold to the aforesaid William Low his heirs and assigns forever; --- all that part and parcel of two certain tracts of land called and known by the name of Stepney and Parish which Thomas Waller deeded to his son John Waller 1--10--1763, also the same land John Waller sold and deeded to Robert Pitt in the year 1768 which will appear in the record of Somerset County and does contain fifty two acres, Etc. Etc.

And "I said John Megee do by these presents nominate, constitute and appoint Mr. Isaac Henry and Mr. Elijah Cannon Sr. my true and lawful attorneys," etc. etc. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witnesses -- Caleb Baldwin  
Sam Hearn

John Megee (Seal)

Sussex County: It was certified by the County Prothonatary that at a Court of Common Pleas held at Lewes for the County aforesaid the fourth day of February, 1789 the Execution of the within Deed was proved in open Court in due form by one of the witnesses and acknowledged in due form of law by attorney Elijah Cannon, etc. "In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, etc. the 12th day of February in the year aforesaid."

"Nath. Mitchell, Prothonatary."

"In Deed Book 14 page 10."

NOTE: Between the purchase of this tract called Stepney and Parish in March 1771 (Somerset County, Maryland) and its sale some 16 years later in July 1788, the newly defined boundary line between Delaware and Maryland had been made effective in April 1775. This tract became a part of Delaware, perhaps in lower Broad Creek Hundred, or on the eastern side of Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, and very probably in the general area, --- between Laurel on the West and Lowe's Cross Roads--Gumborough on the East, and North of Whitesville, Delaware. The location was probably within fifteen or eighteen miles of the said JOHN MEGEE's home property near Zoar Cross Roads, in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County.

NOTE: (Underscoring by writer, 1963)





The above quoted deeds of references thereto, in 1771 and 1788 are very enlightening. They represent a bona-fide case of re-location of land from Maryland to Delaware, by reason of the decision of the Court of Chancery of England defining the boundary line between Delaware and Maryland.

They also show that after JOHN MAGEE (II) son of Peter Magee (II) and grandson of John Magee (I) d. in Somerset County 1729 had sold his land called RICH RIDGE, 70 acres in January 1769 (heired from his father in 1766), and his personal property later the same year, that he moved to the tract called Stepney and Parish, and in 1771 purchased said tract. Subsequently he and his wife moved to Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, prior to 1775, but held the tract called Stepney and Parish until the signing of the deed on July 11, 1788, thereby selling said tract to William Low, also of Sussex County, Delaware.

It is interesting to note the spelling of the name in this 1788 deed, as MEGEE, which said JOHN MEGEE and all of his children used also the identification of him as JOHN MEGEE Sr. in 1788, by reason of his son JOHN MEGEE Jr. constitutes very strong presumptive evidence, in fact seemingly thorough documented evidence that JOHN MAGEE the grantee named in the deed of 1771, and JOHN MEGEE the grantor in the deed of 1788 were the same person.

"Sussex County, Delaware, Recorder of Deeds Office, BK.-0, No. 14, P. 598, in 1792, shows Thomas Laws, Sheriff, to John McGee, Indian River Hundred, taken from land of John Little."

Sussex County, Bk. F.-P. 15 and 439, 1795, Records of Deeds, from John McGee to William Harris, land he bought at Sheriff's sale, 77 acres in Indian River Hundred.

"BK,-AQ-39, P. 350, of 1802, the assignment of land by William Blizzard to John McGee, both of Indian River Hundred." This deed refers to a tract of 185 acres.

Considering that SCHARF'S HISTORY OF DELAWARE, 1609--1888 listed JOHN McGEE of Indian River Hundred, as a taxable in 1785 and that said taxables were property owners, which were included in the listing shown in Volume II of said History, also that the "Reconstructed 1790 Census of Delaware, "by Leon DeValinger Jr. State Archivist which, as stated therein, was limited to property owners, included JOHN MEGEE in the listed taxables under Indian River Hundred; further that, in the absence of any other listing of a JOHN MEGEE,---MAGEE, or --- McGEE shown under Indian River Hundred, or the several other Hundreds (political sub-divisions of Delaware) in either SCHARF's Historical compilation for 1785, or the "Reconstructed Census of 1790 by Leon DeValinger Jr. the deeds named herein for 1771---1788---1792---1795---and 1802 were undoubtedly by the same JOHN MEGEE, designated herein as the first generation of the writer's family in Sussex County, Delaware.





It is also a logical assumption that, inasmuch as JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred was listed as a property owner taxable in 1785 and 1790---(prior to the acquirement of the 185 acres from William Blizzard in 1802), he obviously was reasonably able to, and did purchase property around the time of his arrival (or shortly thereafter) in said Indian River Hundred about 1773, in the same area as the 1802 purchase. The deeds for the several allotted portions to the children of JOHN MEGEE, under the Court Approved "Amicable Agreement" indicate that the several portions were in close proximity, one to the other.

The Court Approved "Amicable Agreement" and subsequent deeds as evidenced herein, especially under SECOND GENERATION (children of JOHN and his wife ANN MEGEE) referred to the "John Magee Lands" thereby involving more than one tract.

JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, the first generation of the writer's family in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, lived and reared a family of eight adult children, at a time when the County, in fact the entire State was rather sparsely populated. Sussex County had a heavy growth of forests, principally pine, white oak, red oak, hickory and other varieties; when highways were not too good, and travel as a general thing was limited to what would today be termed relatively short distances, other than by water. In 1800 the U.S. Census for Sussex County shows the population approximated 7,650 free white males, and 7600 white females. Additionally there were about 1,000 free colored people and approximately 4500 slaves. The following may be of interest:---

Lewis Town had 115 houses;	Georgetown had 23 houses.
Laurel Town had 18 houses;	Dagsborough -- 23 houses.
Broadkilm Landing, (named Milton in 1806) had 20 houses.	

The following excerpts have been taken from the results of a search of the National Archives by F. H. (Bert) Young in early 1951, of whom brief mention was made in the INTRODUCTION remarks:

From Whiteley's book, page 7:

"Our population (Delaware) at the outbreak of the Revolution was only 37,500. The number of troops we could furnish could not be large, and yet, by the second year of the War, we sent to the front three regiments, Viz; Colonel Haslett's, Colonel Patterson's and Colonel Hall's, and a partisan Company, under Captain Allen McLane."

"Records of the Revolutionary War Soldiers, Delaware Archives, are in three volumes, the index listed the following names,--all being under the spelling of McGee, but spelled in various ways in the text of the pages reviewed; Among these were:

John Megee	---	McGee	---	Magee	
Samuel	"	---	"	---	"
Thomas	"	---	"	---	"
Levin McGee	and as	Levin D. McGee			





"There was a John Magee recorded on pages 766, Vol. II, likewise on pages 792, 981 and 1278." Further, a John Megee was listed as receiving equipment as a member of the Cristeen Company --- another is that of a John Megee being among the return of the Cristeen (Christiana) Company, on October 24, 1779."

NOTE: There are no data in any record that the writer has seen of the American Revolutionary War that would support a strong presumption that the John Megee or McGee above reported was from Indian River Hundred. It is believed to cover a John Magee of upper New Castle County. Samuel Magee--Megee, and Levin McGee-Magee were in Delaware regiments of the Revolution however, their enlistments were in Sussex, and Levin's specifically at Lewis Town. Samuel and Levin were both related to JOHN MEGEE (II), (see narrative for each under Appendix "A").

The record of JOHN MEGEE Sr. (II) of Indian River Hundred, the first provable progenitor in lower Delaware, his wife Ann and their issue (the second generation in Sussex) has been treated at considerable length, and possibly with some slight degree of repetition. The reasons which prompted this method of handling will become apparent as one follows the eight adult children under the second generation because:

(1) The developments with respect to JOHN MEGEE Sr. (II) and his children are basic for the presentations which follow..

(2) These factual details, supported by authenticated references are to a certain extent, fundamentally at variance with some of the earlier "handed down, heresay information" which cannot be supported by verifiable data.

(3) Certain factors of these unverified "handed down, heresay information" have been used in earlier years in good faith by this writer and others.

(4) It is indeed gratifying to have the benefit of documented and verified data, in order to correct certain previously used information.

(5) These authenticated developments concerning JOHN MEGEE Sr. (II) his wife ANN, and their eight adult children did not come as a total surprise. The inability to locate satisfactory answers to a number of clues and leads, prompted the seeking of the part time assistance of the genealogist in January 1960, who pursued the subject on an "If, as and when convenient basis, or as needed" and concluded the Delaware data in early 1961.

Upon receipt of advice from the genealogist Mrs. Potter, in February 1960 of the initial progress being made, also the details of JOHN Sr. (II) having left eight adult children, seven of whom had proven marriages, with one deceased well beyond the majority age, but unmarried, a request was made for documentary proofs, covering the details of relationships, marriages, children, etc., for the first and second generations in Sussex County and extending through the third generation.





The explorations and subsequent developments which have been used herein have been supported with verifiable references which for the most part have been included in the narratives of the several units of the family. It has required time and space to assemble and classify and total pages have been substantially increased over the bare statistical record. It is believed that those who may read the finalized product currently, or in the future years, will agree that this procedure of handling was preferable, and makes for a definitely more worthwhile presentation.

NOTE BY WRITER: This seems an appropriate time and location to deal with the spelling of the name. In February 1960 an inquiry was made of the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, concerning the spelling of the name MEGEE in variant forms, and the possibility of trying to determine more with respect to this feature.

Under date of March 20, 1960, the following answer was received:

"Please let me make one statement about the spelling of the name MEGEE; In the older records, particularly since many could not spell, read or write too well, it all depended on the clerk in the office, the Minister, Church recorder, etc. who did the writing, and one cannot say that the proper spelling of the name was a certain form."

Under the INTRODUCTORY pages there is a quoted paragraph or two from the Media Research Bureau, of Washington, D. C. in the mid 1930's advising the reported origin of the name McGee and Magee, and the variant forms used in Scotland, North Ireland and England. On page one; it was shown that "Families of this name in Ireland settled principally in Counties Down and Antrim. The County Antrim McGees, McGies, Magees, and McGyes lived chiefly in the sections known as North Clandeboy and Island McGye." Under the process of evolution apparently this Island, somewhere along the line, seemed to have become Island Megee.

In the later 1930's another response to an inquiry from the writer brought forth the names of ---- "MacGhee, McGee, Magee, Megee of Northern Ireland, and that there was an Island Megee, County Antrim on the Northeast Coast of North Ireland. In 1959 the writer received a letter from Dublin, referring to the Island Megee, off the coast of North Ireland.

There is complete agreement with the genealogist that in the earlier years apparently much depended upon those who did the writing of records, and this prevailed not only with respect to the Magees, Megees and McGees but with many others likewise. The names were spelled as the various writers believed they should be spelled. This is evidenced in checking the records for data concerning Samuel and Levin Magee and McGee respectively in the Delaware regiments of the American Revolution. Both of these men were undoubtedly related to JOHN MEGEE Sr., (II) of Indian River Hundred. (See narrative for each under APPENDIX "A").





A good illustration as to who did the writing versus the correct spelling, are the following records from St. George's Chapel, Sussex:

"William, son of John and Ann McGee, born 9--30--1775".

"Peter, son of John and Ann Magee, b. 12-6-17?, baptized 2-1-1778".

The 1790 "Reconstructed Census" for Delaware by Leon DeValinger Jr., State Archivist, shows among the property owning taxables of Indian River Hundred, a JOHN MEGEE, who undoubtedly was the husband of ANN, and at that time about 50 years old.

The 1800 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, shows: JOHN MEGEE, with his family, as earlier cited herein.

The 1810 U. S. Census again shows JOHN MEGEE Sr. as the head of a household in Indian River Hundred as earlier cited herein. Immediately following this item was one for JOHN MEGEE Jr. who was the son of John Sr. These spellings were uniformly MEGEE.

JOHN MEGEE Sr's intestate estate of Indian River Hundred as earlier cited, was settled as MAGEE, as evidenced by the photo-stat copies of the Court records, including the approval of the "Amicable Agreement" for the partition of the JOHN MAGEE lands by the Court of Common Pleas for Sussex County in April, 1813. It was also shown where William, the oldest son and a co-Administrator, signed the first accounting report as "MEAGEE", and, as stated earlier, the photo-stat seems to show that he probably wrote the letters "Me" when his attention was directed to the estate settlement under the name of Magee, whereupon he added "agee", making the full word "Meagee".

The Will of Rebecca Megee, (the oldest daughter of JOHN AND ANN Megee) dated 12-7-1815, which is quoted under SECOND generation, used Megee throughout, likewise her brother, Thomas, in resigning as a co-Administrator, used Megee.

The old THOMAS MEGEE burial ground, on the East side of the Public highway about one-half mile North of Zoar Church and Cross-roads, between Millsboro and Milton, Delaware, was created by a deed of record under the name of MEGEE and all headstones therein are under that spelling.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, a large department store was observed in the 1950's under the name of MEGEE.

General Vernon Megee (retired) of the U. S. Marines, and currently living in Texas, said on one occasion while headquartered in Washington, D. C. that he was told his ancestors came from Georgia to Alabama, where he was born, and that they used MEGEE.

A Professor of the Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, whom the writer met in 1932, spelled his name as MEGEE, and said his ancestors came over to America via the Colony of Virginia.





Therefore, the spelling of the family name as MEGEE is not limited to Delaware. Possibly there may be more descendants of JOHN and ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, who use the spelling of MEGEE than is the case with some others who spell their name in this manner.

One more illustration of how names get spelled in error. The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, in 1960 submitted a list of male names FROM THE MARRIAGE FILE IN THE HALL OF RECORDS, DOVER, DELAWARE, between 1851 and 1899. This was a great help and very worthwhile but there are instances therein of a few direct descendants of grandfather Moses Megee, b. 1819---d. 1888, who are down as McGee and Magee, instead of MEGEE, indicating that the Minister or others who reported the Marriages, may have used the spelling on the Marriage license which may have been wrong by reason of the issuing office spelling the name as they thought proper, or the failure of the applicant at that particular moment to spell his name properly, for the issuing office.

(See APPENDIX "A" attached hereto). The earliest proven records of the family, starting with the 1680's in Somerset County, Maryland, and the ancestors of JOHN MEGEE (II) appear to have used the spelling of MAGEE very consistently with few exceptions, as will be noted in the many deeds, Wills, estate settlements, and Church records of Stepney Parish.

The writer definitely believes that based upon some research in the National Archives and the aforesaid records in Somerset County, that the ancestors who first settled in Somerset County and apparently the forefathers of JOHN MEGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred were of Scotch-Irish descent via North Ireland, or via North Ireland--England, to the Colony of Virginia, and/or Maryland.

The spelling of the name as MEGEE was apparently used by JOHN MEGEE (II) from the time of his arrival in Indian River Hundred around 1773. All of his eight adult children used that form. In the great bulk of THIRD, FOURTH and succeeding generations, the spelling of MEGEE has been continued. There are a few instances as shown herein where certain lines or branches have used MAGEE or McGEE. However, it was by choice of the users. The last deed of record by John Megee of Indian River Hundred, 7-11-1788, heretofore listed shows the spelling as MEGEE, including the grantor's signature.

This closes the FIRST documented generation, in Sussex County, Delaware, namely, JOHN Megee (II), b. about 1740 and his wife ANN. He was the son of Peter (II) b. about 1712, and his wife Mary (Noble) Magee, and the grandson of John (I) and his wife Elizabeth Magee.

The SECOND generation, (children of JOHN AND ANN) follows:

NOTE: Underscoring by the writer.

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S E C O N D   G E N E R A T I O N  
Children and Descendants of  
JOHN AND HIS WIFE, ANN MEGEE

2nd  
Gener-  
ation:

Rebecca----William----Peter----John Jr.,----Anna  
 Thomas---Elizabeth---Moses (b.1789--d. 1864.)

2nd  
Gener-  
ation:

REBECCA MEGEE, daughter of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, is estimated to have been born about 1772-1773. According to her Will she did not marry and died at the comparatively early age of around 43 years. As further confirmation of family relationships her Will is being quoted below:

Copied from a typed copy of the original Will  
probated at Georgetown, Sussex County, Delaware.

"Last Will and Testament"

REBECCA MEGEE

"In the Name of God, Amen, I Rebecca Megee of the County of Sussex and State of Delaware being in sickly state but of sound mind doth make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say, first I reckon self in the hands of Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently berried at the discription of my Executor hereinafter named and touching the disposition of all my entire estate, I give and dispose thereof as follows: that I will my debts and burial charges shall be paid and discharged.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Megee my hows and land, I give my cow and hog to my sister Elizabeth Megee I also give my bed and furniture to my sister Elizabeth Megee.

Item: I give to my nefew William Megee son of William Megee one chest and one coberd to be his forever.

Item: I give unto John Williams son of Thomas Megee one sheep.

Item: I give unto Noe Wiltbank Megee son of Thomas Megee one sheep.

Item: I give unto Anna Thorougood one spinen whele. I give one red cloke, two woollen peticotes, one cheked apron, two cotton shols, one silk hankerchef, one silk bonitt to be hers forever.

Item: I also give unto my sister Elizabeth Megee all that I possess corn, fodder and everything that I own to be hers forever except what I have given of. I do hereby bequeath and appoint my brother Thomas Megee Execiter and Elizabeth Megee my Execitrix to be the





sole Execter and Execetrix of this my last Will and Testament and I set my hand and seal this seventh day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

/s/ Rebecca <sup>her</sup> X Megee (SEAL)  
mark

Attest Spencer Lacey, William B. Ennis, John X Davidson<sup>his</sup>  
mark

"I do hereby resign my right of Executor to the Will and estate of my deceased sister Rebecca Megee, 19th December 1815.

/s/ Thomas Megee"

NOTE by Writer----October 1960:

Pause here for a moment and review the narrative and statistics covering JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, and their eight children. Observe how Rebecca's Will fits into the family picture or pattern, of the "Amicable Agreement" for the division of the "John Megee Lands" which was approved by the Court of Common Pleas for Sussex County, on April 24 1813. Rebecca's Will names her two sisters, also three nephews, and in naming the latter, she specifically named their fathers, who were her brothers, William and Thomas.

The last named, (brother Thomas) in resigning as Executor, referred to --- "My deceased sister Rebecca." Obviously she was very ill when the Will was made on 12-7-1815, as it was probated twelve days later, on December 19, 1815, indicating her death and burial between those two dates.

Rebecca was apparently the oldest of John and Ann Megee's children. She and her brother William served as co-Administrators of her father's estate.

It may be speculated that REBECCA, in the absence of any mention of her mother in the settlement of her father's estate, had been almost the head of the household in the latter years of her father, and under the "Amicable Agreement" for division of the "John Megee lands", she probably was allotted the homestead premises.

Further, it would seem logical that her sister Elizabeth was named as Chief beneficiary, because with an estimated birth of about 1787, she was around twenty-eight years of age and unmarried, in December 1815. Factually, in a deed of record, in early 1817, Elizabeth, the grantor, named herself as "A singlewoman".





The token remembrances by Rebecca to her three nephews was indicative of the close attachment for these children, living in the immediate vicinity of her home; William, son of her brother William was approximately two and one-half years; John Williams Megee, son of Thomas was about two years and eight months, while Noah Wiltbank Megee was slightly more than one year old.

Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood, born about 1783, according to Sussex County records was married in October 1805, to William Thoroughgood, and they doubtless were doing satisfactorily and continued so doing. This assumption is borne out by the fact that Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood held her allotted portion of her father's lands (32 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) acres until 1852, as shown by deed of record. (See narrative for Anna.)

As of December 1815, William Megee---Anna Megee---John Megee Jr., and Thomas Megee were married according to developed records. Additionally, there are very strong presumptions that Peter, and Moses (b. 1789) were also married at that time. This would leave REBECCA and Elizabeth, apparently living on the homestead premises, and inasmuch as Elizabeth was around 28 years old and single, it was a "natural" that she should be the chief beneficiary of Rebecca's property.

Incidentally the deed of record, to which reference will be made later herein, shows that Rebecca's allotted portion of her father's estate was 38 acres.

This particular Will was an important "link" in the verification of relationships, and the disposal of both real, and personal property.

The said Executrix, Elizabeth Megee, filed a final accounting of her sister Rebecca's estate on the 21st of January 1817, listing the amount of personal property inventory, with an itemized statement of disbursements.

The said accounting was submitted, sworn, examined and allowed in due form by Phillips Kollock, Register of Wills for Sussex County, Delaware. (A photo-stat copy of the final accounting is attached to the writer's home file.)

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2nd                    WILLIAM MEGEE, b. 9-30-1775, according to the records  
Gener- of St. George's P. E. Chapel, Indian River Hundred, also  
ation: as listed in the family Bible of his son, Moses Megee,  
(b. 1819--d. 1888)

He married (1st m.) Sarah Ennis, in 1810. She was a daughter of William B. Ennis and wife, owner of Ennis' Mill and other lands on the Public highway from Millsboro to Springfield Cross-roads about one mile north of Zoar.

Their children:

3rd	William Megee (Jr.)	b. in 1813,	as shown by Orphans Court.
Gener-	Robert	"	b. in 1815, " " " "
ation:	Moses	"	b. in 1819, " " " "

The 1820 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred shows: WILLIAM MEGEE, as head of the Household, under the age bracket of 45. The record also shows 3 males (un-named) under 10 years, which checks O.K. for William (Jr.),-- Robert and Moses.

NOTE: Names of all individuals in a household were not listed on the Census records until the 1850 U. S. Census.

Sarah (Ennis) Megee apparently died a short time after signing a deed of record in the second half of 1820, from which the following excerpt is quoted:

"Sussex County Register of Deeds,---BK, -AM 35, P-207, of 1820,---William Megee and his wife Sally, and by Moses Megee, b. 1789, (brother to William) and his wife Sally, (formerly Sarah E. Wilson) conveying their rights in a tract of land in Indian River Hundred, etc."

The following condensed record of the division of property left by William B. Ennis, father of Sarah (Ennis) Megee is quoted because of its pertinent connection with William Megee's first marriage, and issue therefrom.

"BK. O, -P. 343, 8-18-1828, Petition of William Jefferson and Mary, his wife for division of lands of William B. Ennis deceased. Said William B. Ennis died intestate, June 6, 1826 and left four children;---Mary, now wife of William Jefferson, aged 21 years; Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson, above 21 years; Joseph J. Ennis, about 21 years; And Joshua R. Ennis, an infant under 14; Also three grandchildren, (underscoring by writer)---issue of Sarah McGee, a daughter of the intestate, who died during the lifetime of said intestate;---William McGee (Jr.) aged 15 years; Robert McGee aged 13 years, and Moses McGee aged about 10 years." (NOTE) These ages were based on the date of the petition in August 1828)





William B. Ennis, b. 1767 was apparently married twice, and by his first marriage there were, (as shown above):

Sarah, ---	Estimated born about 1790---	married William Megee
Elizabeth,	" " " 1800---	" William Johnson
Mary,	" " " 1807---	" William Jefferson
Joseph J.	" " " 1809---	

The U. S. Census records for 1850 and 1860, lists Joseph J. Ennis as aged 42 years and 51 years respectively, which would fit the estimated birth date of 1808, reasonably well.

It is definitely believed that Joshua R. Ennis, --- "An infant under 14", in the petition for division of William B. Ennis' estate, in August 1828, was by the second marriage of said William B. Ennis, and probably born in May 1826. An Obituary book in the State Archives shows --- "Sophia Ennis, wife of William B. Ennis, died 5--27--1826, aged 30 years, about ten days prior to the passing of the said William B. Ennis, aged 58 years on June 6, 1826. Obviously Sophia Ennis was the mother of Joshua R. (See narrative of John Megee Jr., ---second generation---for further information concerning Joshua R. Ennis.)

The records of the National Archives in Washington, D. C. show: "William Megee private on the Receipt Roll of Capt. John Hood's Company, for seven days duty in May 1813 at Lewis Town. The Roll was dated June 3, 1813." This was probably in response to an emergency call for volunteers to meet the needs for the defense of Lewis Town, against the British in the War of 1812-1813.

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WILLIAM MEGEE, b. 9-30-1775, was married a second time, in the first half of 1821, as evidenced by a deed of record, in the Spring of 1821, an excerpt from which is quoted below:

"BK.-AM.-35, P. 131, 1821 William Megee and wife Mary Megee, to Absolom Rust, two tracts of land, in Indian River Hundred, ---one allotted to him, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres under the "Amicable Agreement" in the division of the intestate lands, of his father, John Megee deceased, and the other tract of 38 acres which was allotted to Rebecca Megee, a daughter of said John Megee. William signed and his wife Mary, made her mark."

The surname of William Megee's second wife is unknown, (mid 1961) however the weight of circumstances would seem to indicate that she was from Indian River Hundred --- probably in the same general vicinity, and that they were married there, when she was about 18 years old, based upon her reported age at time of death.



Scharf's History of Delaware, (1609--1888) In Vol. II, page 1272 names the taxables of Indian River Hundred, in the year 1822, and among the names listed is WILLIAM MEGEE, (also his three brothers, John Jr., Thomas and Moses, (b. 1789). Apparently William and Mary, his wife moved from Indian River Hundred to Baltimore Hundred in late 1822, or early 1823. By his second marriage, the following seven adult children were reported:

3rd	John R. Megee	-----	reported birth	-----	1- 1-1823
Gener-	Naomi (Called Oma)-	-----	estimated born about	-----	1825
ation:	Anna Nancy	-----	"	"	1827
	Arthur L. (Orter)--	-----	b. according to Bible record	3-22-	1829
	Isaac W.	-----	b. based on 1880 U.S. Census		1830
	William H.	-----	b. estimated about	-----	1833or1834
	Thomas	-----	b.	"	late1835

The U. S. Census for 1830 for Baltimore Hundred is quoted below:

Head of Household	Free White Males				Free White Females	
	Under 5 Years	From 5 to 10 Years	From 11 to 15 Years	From 50 to 60 Years	Under 10 Years	From 26 to 30 Years
William Megee	2	1	1	1	1	1

NOTE: The 1830 U. S. Census in Baltimore Hundred seems important;

First; Because it establishes his residence and status as a taxpayer. Secondly; It shows William and Mary under the proper age brackets, as he was 55, and she was about 27 years old. The two males under 5 years, -- could be Arthur L. definitely, and possibly Isaac W. The one listed under 10 would cover John R. the son born 1823. The male listed under age brackets 11 to 15, could have been son Robert, b. 1815, by his first marriage. For females, it would seem there should have been two under 10 years, namely Naomi and Anna Nancy.

William Megee was listed as a farmer at the time of the 1830 Census. The Obituary Book in the Archives at Dover, Delaware, carries this record:---"Page 26, October 6, 1836, Mary, wife of William Megee aged about 33."-----then on page 28, "May 10, 1837, William Megee, aged (blurred but looks like 60)." Actually he was 61 years and 7 months, as of early May, 1837.





The genealogist further reports:

"Administrations---Sussex County, Vol. A-87, page 168, Archives at Dover, dated 5-18-1838, and probated 9-19-1838, William Megee, Baltimore Hundred, with Administrator Jehu Bennett."

The children under William Megee's two marriages will be reported individually, in the order named in each marriage, but---in separate groupings, under THIRD generation. (See index.)

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ation: Peter Megee, according to the records of St. Georges (P.E.) Chapel, was born 12-6-177?, and baptized 2-1-1778, the son of John and Ann Magee, of Indian River Hundred. He married Naomi (surname unknown), likewise date of marriage unknown. It was apparently after the Census of 1810, as there was no "Head of Household" listed for Peter, in Indian River Hundred, at that time.

NOTE: While the Church record shows birth as 12-6-17\_\_, with baptism 2-1-1778, it seems logical to presume that his birth was in 1777, and that two months later he was baptized,---however, he could have been born in December 1776, as his older brother William, according to the records of the same church, was born 9--30--1775.

Peter Megee was listed as a private in Captain Robert Stout's Company of Delaware, for ten days in May, 1813, at Lewis Town. The Receipt Roll was dated 6--3--1813. This was probably an emergency call for volunteers to meet the needs for the defense of Lewis Town against the British in the war of 1812-1813, at which time Peter was about 36 years old.

He probably died late in 1816 or very early in 1817, aged about 39 years. A photo-stat copy shows that on January 21, 1817, there was filed with the Register of Wills of Sussex County, Phillips Kollock; "The account of Naomi Magee, Administrator of the estate of Peter Magee late of Sussex County, Delaware, covering sundry payments and disbursements." Personal property inventory was listed, against which all disbursements were detailed, leaving a small credit balance. Among the sundry expenses; To John Lingo, for things furnished during last illness; Funeral expenses; Item 3, Amount paid to Moses Magee (b. 1789); Item 9, paid to William Magee; Item 11, paid to Lewis Joseph; Item 13, paid to Elizabeth Magee; A total of 19 items of disbursements.

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Sworn and signed by Naomi X Magee  
mark.

A photo-stat copy of the final accounting was filed on the 27th of March, 1817 by--- "Lewis Joseph and Naomi, his wife, late Naomi Magee, Administrator of Peter Magee, late of Sussex County, Delaware, the said Administrators charge themselves all and singular, to wit:---  
Balance due estate--  
Widow's one-half dower--  
Balance to six heirs, namely:

William Magee	-----	John Magee Jr.
Anna Magee	-----	Thomas Magee
Betsy Magee	-----	Moses Magee, (b.1789)





NOTE: After the death of Rebecca Megee, in December 1815, and of Peter Magee in late 1816 (above detailed) without issue, the above named six heirs represented the living brothers and sisters, (children of John and Ann Megee). It is also noticed that Anna Megee's married name---Thoroughgood was not used in full. (She was married in 1805.)

The accounting rendered for Peter Megee's estate covered only personal property. The Widow's one-half dower mentioned in the final filed settlement, likewise was based upon one-half of the final net balance, (after disbursements) of the personal property inventory.

Peter Megee shared in the "Amicable Agreement" covering the division of his father's estate, the John Megee lands, approved by the Court of Common Pleas, April 24, 1813.

Among the several deeds of record developed by the genealogist, at Georgetown, Delaware in connection with the overall family research was the following:

"BK.-AM.35-1820, to Thomas Megee from Enoch Skidmore and wife, Polly; and Joseph Bennum,---land called 'Wolfs Den'-- taken up by Thomas Sherman in Indian River Hundred, adjoining lands of William Ennis, John Burbage, Peter Megee, John Megee Jr., and Isaac Joseph containing 91 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres."

NOTE: (Underscoring of Peter Megee is by the writer.) The said Peter Megee and John Megee Jr. were brothers of Thomas Megee, the grantee named in this deed.

The above excerpt from the deed to which reference was made definitely indicates that Peter Megee was a landowner of Indian River Hundred at the time of his death in late 1816, (the location and adjoining lands named would probably cover the allotted portion which he received from his father's estate in April 1813). The widow was doubtless entitled to Dower rights in it for her lifetime, and possibly by mutual agreement with the six heirs could have been the beneficiary in fee-simple, of said Peter Megee's real estate. His allotted portion probably ranged from 27 to 39 acres, similar to range of other portions.

The reference in the deed of 1820 from Enoch Skidmore and wife, to Thomas Megee, to the adjoining lands of William Ennis, John Burbage, Peter Megee, etc., would indicate; (1) There had been no recorded transfer of Peter Megee's land, or (2) The person drawing the 1820 deed used the name as being more commonly descriptive of the boundaries of adjoining land by reason of ownership for several years.





That there were no children by the marriage of Peter and his wife, Naomy (surname unknown) Megee, is evidenced by the estate settlement and one-half of the net residue of the inventory of personal property being paid to the six brothers and sisters.

The widow, Naomy Magee, as shown by the accounting on March 27th, 1817, apparently married Lewis Joseph before the final accounting was filed with the Register of Wills.

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2nd Generation: John Megee Jr., son of John Megee Sr., and his wife Ann, was born in 1780, based upon the U. S. Census records of 1850. He married Betsy (Elizabeth) Ennis, daughter of William and Kizia Ennis, of Indian River Hundred. According to the records of St. George's P.E. Chapel, Betsy was born 3-11-1773 and baptized in 1774.

The above indicates that Betsy was some 7 years older than her husband. This is confirmed by the U. S. Census of 1850 which lists:

John Megee,	Age	70-Farmer-Landowner,	Indian River Hundred
Elizabeth,	"	78-(Wife)	
John Lacey,	"	26-Living same household-	Shoemaker
Joshua R. Ennis	"	23-	" -Farmer
Martha A.	"	23-	" -(Wife)
William B. P.	"	1Yr	" (presumably son of Joshua)
Mary E. Watson,	"	4Yrs	" (No remarks)

Court records show that John Megee (Jr.,) was appointed as guardian for Joshua R. Ennis, who was listed as "An infant under 14" --- in the petition of August 1828 to the Orphans Court, for the division of the William B. Ennis lands. Said Joshua R. Ennis was a nephew-in-law of John Megee Jr. by reason of the latter's marriage to Betsy Ennis, a sister of William B. Ennis (b. 1767), therefore an Aunt to Joshua R. The said Joshua R. Ennis was reared perhaps, from an infant---practically from his birth--- by his uncle John Jr., and Betsy (Ennis) Megee,---following the death of Sophia Ennis, 5-27-1826, and her husband a few days later, William B. Ennis, on June 6, 1826.

Joshua R. apparently continued to live with his uncle and aunt, after he became of age and was married to Martha A. Prettyman. Their son, William B. P. Ennis, one year old in 1850, was presumably named for his grandfather, William B. Ennis, son of William Ennis, b. 1767.

Sussex County Deeds,--BK.-W. P. 345, in 1852 (indexed as McGee), shows that,----John Megee Jr. died intestate in July 1851, and that he owned lands in Indian River Hundred. He left widow, Elizabeth and no children. The first tract of land adjoined Thomas Megee, (a brother), John S. Salmans and others, and contained 70 acres. The second tract adjoined lands of Peter Simpler, William B. Rust and others, and contained 30 acres.

The second tract, based upon the description of "Adjoining lands" could well have been the portion allotted to John Megee Jr., in the division by "Amicable Agreement" of the John Megee lands, (his father's estate), approved by the Court of Common Pleas, April 24, 1813. The allotted portions ranged from 27½ to 39 acres for each of the eight children of said John Megee Sr.





No deed has been located to date, showing conveyance by John Megee Jr., (b. 1780---d. 1851) of the allotted portion of land from his father's estate. The genealogist has suggested that, having died intestate and without issue, that the portion allotted under the "Amicable Agreement" might well have become part of the Widow's dower in the Administration of the estate. No record or reference was found to the disposition of the allotted portion nor to the widow's dower right, in the distribution of the realty holdings of the estate.

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Sussex County Deeds, --BK.-AF. 29, - p. 214, 1811 to Perry Pool from heirs of Levin Ennis, 2 parcels of land; first, one for 4 acres was patented to Thomas Shurman or Surman by Maryland in 1757 near Cow Bridge branch, at the head of Indian River. The second tract was for 3 acres by warrant to Francis Cornwall, and both by sundry conveyances became right of William Brittingham Ennis, who willed to his son Levin Ennis who died without issue and lands descended to Betsy Ennis who married John McGee, to William B. Ennis, to Kesiah who married Stephen Blizzard, to Mary who married Spencer Lacey, and to Nancy Ennis and Hessy Ennis----land called Mill lot, with Mill stream. This is quoted as another proof of the marriage of John Megee Jr., b. 1780, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Ennis.

NOTE: William Brittingham Ennis, (who died in 1790 according to his Will) and his wife Kizia Ennis, had the following children:

Kizia--b.1-14-1766 and baptized in 1766, St. Georges P.E. Chapel  
William B.--b.7-25-1767 and baptized in 1768, (father of Sarah (Ennis) Megee)

Nancy	b.11-23-1768	and baptized in 1769	
Sarah	b.10- 1-1771	" "	1772
Betsy (Eliz)	b. 3-11-1773	" "	1774 (married John Megee Jr.)
Hessia	b. 3-14-1778	" "	1778
Levin	b. 4-25-1785	" "	6-29-1785

William B. Ennis, b. 7-25-1767---d. 6-6-1826, was a brother to Betsy, b. 3-11-1773, who married John Megee Jr. William B. of 1767, was also the father of Sarah (Ennis) Megee, who married William Megee, b. 9-30-1775, an older brother of John Megee Jr. The said Sarah died in the second half of 1820, aged about 30.

Have been prompted to list the children of William Brittingham Ennis, who died in 1790 and who served in a Delaware regiment of the American Revolution. It is believed the listing of this Ennis family will make it easier to clarify and spot the relationship of Betsy (Ennis) Megee, wife of John Megee Jr., and that of Sarah (Ennis) Megee b. about 1790, who married William Megee, b. 1775, and who at





her death in 1820 left three sons, approximately 7, 5, and 1½ years old, namely, William (Jr.), Robert and Moses, (b. 1819) respectively.

Sussex County records, --BK.--AK. 33, p. 352, 1817, John McGee and wife Betsy, of Indian River Hundred to Robert Burton, 7½ acres called Lacey's Fortune.

BK- AK. 39-p.123--1829, John McGee and wife Betsy, of Indian River Hundred to William D. Waples---130 acres called Lacey's Fortune.

The National Archives show John McGee, a private in Captain John Hood's Company, in May 1813. This was probably an emergency call for volunteers for the defense needs of Lewis Town against the British in the War of 1812-1813.

Apropos the two excerpts from the deeds of 1817 and 1829, from John McGee and wife Betsy, the U. S. Census records of 1810 attract attention, and are being quoted to the extent shown, as a matter of information.

Under Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, there are listed on page 91, a JOHN MEGEE Sr. as head of a household, and the next line or item on the same page lists-----A JOHN MEGEE Jr. as the head of a household, as indicated below:

Under the listing of JOHN MEGEE Sr. there are listed only two males other than the head of the household. These are shown as being less than 26 years old, which would fit Thomas born in 1786 and Moses born in 1789.

Under the listing of JOHN MEGEE Jr. there is only one male and one female (both white) but no children.

The U. S. Census records prior to 1850 listed only the name of the head of a household. All other members of the household were listed under age brackets, for example, "Under five years"----"Five and Under 10"----"10 and Under 16," etc.

The name JOHN MEGEE Jr. would not have been listed were he not living unto himself as the head of a household, and the white female was of course his wife.

One might well speculate that JOHN MEGEE Jr. was married prior to the U. S. Census of 1810, at which time this status qualified him as "head of a household". His first wife doubtless reached "Journey's End" between the date of 1810 U. S. Census and say, around 1815, and that





he subsequently married Elizabeth (Betsy) Ennis who was some seven or eight years his senior, based upon her date of birth and baptism, and confirmed in the third paragraph of this narrative. The excerpt from the quoted deed reference of 1817, which was signed by both John McGee and his wife Betsy affirms their marriage. Granting the above interpretation of a first marriage, the said John Megee Jr., estimated birth in 1780, based upon U. S. Census report of 1850, had no children by either marriage.

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2nd            ANNA MEGEE, daughter of John Megee Sr. and his wife.  
 Gener-      Ann is believed to have been born about 1783, at the family  
 ation:      home in Indian River Hundred, and to have reached "Journey's  
             End" in late 1857 or early 1858, aged approximately 75  
             years.

Marriage records for Sussex County, Vol. 16, p. 349  
 shows:

"Bond dated 8--25--1805, for William Thoroughgood and Nancy Magee." The photo-stat copy of the "Amicable Agreement" for the division of the John Megee lands, approved by Common Pleas Court, April 24, 1813, listed the eight heirs, and the last one named was:---"William Thoroughgood and Anna, his wife, late Anna Magee."

In the Will of Rebecca Megee, dated 12--7--1815, there was a beneficiary named as, --- Anna Thoroughgood (without specifically stating relationship). It seems logical and proper to presume this beneficiary was--- Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood.

Sussex County Recorder of Deeds Office, Georgetown, Delaware, shows:---"BK.-59-p.18,---1852, Anna Thoroughgood of Dagsboro Hundred to William B. Rust of Indian River Hundred, 32½ acres allotted to her in the division of lands of John Magee, deceased, being in the fork of Rosemary and Dutchman's branches, and adjoining grantees other lands, etc."

NOTE: by Writer: The location and boundary description, in Anna Thoroughgood's deed of 1852, (thirty-nine years plus, after she heired the allotted portion from her father's estate)---compares favorably with her sister Elizabeth Megee's portion, which was sold 2-24-1818 (see Elizabeth Megee narrative). It is obvious that Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood and her sister Elizabeth were allotted portions of land which were equal in acreage and that the two tracts were adjoining. Perhaps this was originally one tract of land.

Sussex County Orphans Court, Georgetown, Delaware; BK.--Z, p. 183 -- 1858, William Thoroughgood of Dagsboro Hundred who died on or about April 27, 1847, -- left Widow Anna, and one child William N., the petitioner; And the issue of deceased son, John; namely, -- George M.- Sarah A.-William M.--and John Edward Thoroughgood; And said widow Anna has since died, etc. Division of lands shown on page 328, of the same book "Z".





William Thoroughgood, b. about 1783, based upon age at time of death, (64 years), husband of Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood may have been the son of Elihu, or at least related. See "Deed BK. 52, p. 307--1845, William Thoroughgood and wife, Anna to Joseph Kollock--all of Dagsboro Hundred--their right in the intestate lands of Elihu Thoroughgood."

The record of Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood has been covered in some detail for the purpose of again affirming the relationship of the 8 heirs of the John Megee (Magee) lands in 1813.





2nd                    THOMAS MEGEE, son of John and Ann Megee, was born in  
Gener- March, 1786, according to the headstone in the family  
ation: burial ground, on the East side of the Public highway,  
Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill, and about one-  
half mile North of Zoar. He married Elon Joseph about  
1811, daughter of Jeremiah Joseph, (who died in 1824),  
all of Indian River Hundred.

Thomas died August 27, 1857, aged 71 years and 5  
months. His wife, Elon, predeceased him by slightly more  
than two months, in reaching "Journey's End" in June 1857.  
She, too, was born in 1786. Their children were:

John Williams Megee,	From Family Bible ,	-----b.	4-20-1813
Noah Wiltbank	" From Family Record,	-----b.	9-30-1814
Thomas P.	" Based on Census reports,	--b.	-----1816
Peter	" " " " "	,--b.	-----1818
Elizabeth P.	" According to headstone,	---year----	1823
Levin James	" According to Family Bible,	b.-----	1825
William Thomas	" Based on Census reports,	--b.-----	1827
Mary	" " " " "	,--b.-----	1829

Birth of John W. Megee quoted from Family Bible 11-25-  
1960, in possession of Thomas Rust, a great grandson, adja-  
cent to, but North of Millsboro, Delaware.

Birth of Noah W. Megee, supplied by his granddaughter  
Mrs. Ward C. Henry, daughter of Captain Charles T. Megee  
(son of Noah).

Birth of Levin J. supplied in 1959 by his granddaughter,  
Mrs. Dr. R. W. Rainey, daughter of Noah Wiltbank Megee-  
McGee II, of Pocomoke City, Maryland, and taken from the  
family Bible.

The Will of Rebecca Megee, b. about 1773---d. 1815,  
(a coAdministrator of her father's estate John Megee in  
1813), named "My brother Thomas Megee and my sister Eliza-  
beth" as Executor and Executrix of her estate. The probated  
Will on December 19, 1815 carries this written sentence at  
the bottom of it.-----"I do hereby resign my right of  
Executor to the Will and estate of my deceased sister,  
Rebecca Megee, this 19th, December, 1815. Signed--Thomas  
Megee."

Among several deeds of record at Georgetown, Delaware,  
excerpts from the following are quoted as information:

"BK.-AU. 43, p. 248, 1832, to Thomas Megee from William  
Jefferson of Warren, and Hannah his wife, adjoining Joseph  
J. Ennis, along three lines of said Thomas Megee, Noah  
Joseph and Absalom Rust, containing 91 acres,--had been  
assigned to William Jefferson and his wife, Mary (Ennis)





Jefferson, in the division of lands of William B. Ennis (father of said Mary) in late 1828."

"BK-51,-p. 438, 1843, Sheriff Thomas W. Records, to Thomas Megee, land in Indian River Hundred,-- 63 acres adjoining lands of William Johnson Sr., Nathaniel Johnson and others."

The following is an interesting item and partially quoted as information:

"BK.-59,-p. 498,--1853, Thomas Megee and wife Elon, \*\*\*\*\*; This indenture made this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three between Thomas Megee and Elon his wife of Sussex County and State of Delaware of the one part, and John W. Megee, Noah W. Megee, Thomas P. Megee, Peter Megee, Elizabeth P. Simpler, (late Elizabeth P. Megee), Levin J. Megee, William T. Megee and Mary Megee, of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Thomas Megee and Elon his wife, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection and for the sum of one dollar lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said parties of the second part at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold \*\*\*\*\* unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs, a certain piece or lot of land situate in Indian River Hundred and on the East side of the road leading from Millsboro to Milton, bounded as follows, to Wit;\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* containing 28 square perches, together with all and singular, the rights, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining \*\*\*\*\*and all the estate right, title, interest, property claim and demand\*\*\*\*\* in law equity or otherwise however of in and to the and every part thereof, to have and to hold the said described lot of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said parties of the second part and to their heirs in trust for the uses and purposes of a burying ground or place of interment to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said parties of the second part, and to their heirs forever in trust as aforesaid.

Sealed and delivered in presence of      Thomas X Meggie  
Lemuel Davidson                                  mark

Elon            her  
                 X Megee  
                 mark.

Given under my hand and seal of office, the day and year  
aforesaid.

L. Davidson, N. & J. P."





This Deed was lodged in the Recorder's office in and for Sussex County on the seventh day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

(Signed) Chas Tunnell, "(looks like)  
Recorder."

This private burial ground known as the Thomas Megee or the Megee burial ground, located on the East side of the Public highway from Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill, and about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads and Church has been viewed by the writer a number of times. There are headstones for several who are "Resting" there, among these being Thomas and Elon Megee; John W. Megee's first wife, (Jane W. Simpler Megee) and several of their children who died young; For Elizabeth P. (Megee) Simpler and her husband Isaac Simpler; For Noah W. Megee's first wife, Patience (Kellam) Megee and two of their children; For William T. Rust and wife, Lettie J. (Megee); for Kate Houston Rust, and a stone erected for joint use of Alfred Rogers and his wife, with space for the latter's date of decease, (Lura Rust Rogers).

The writer has been advised by various ones that a large number of members or descendants of those to whom this was originally deeded are buried in this parcel of 'Hallowed ground' but with no identifying markers (many names supplied for this latter group.)

The boundaries of this "Piece, or lot of ground" indicate that it is 4 perches in width (front and rear), and 7 perches in depth, on both the North and South sides, or approximately 66' by 115½' and it would seem the space has been intensively used.

Another interesting item, the major essentials of which are being quoted as information, is the following:

An unrecorded and unsigned Deed dated 1819 was found about 1955, during the wrecking of an old house in Milton, Delaware, and the finders delivered it to Una (Megee) Pride, daughter of C. Emory Megee and his wife, Lucinda (Rust) Megee. Cousin Una sent it to the writer to be added to the files of the Family Tree Project. This unrecorded deed was written on "Legal size" paper---complete in all details---with spaced lines provided for signatures of both the Grantors and Grantee--the same provision for witnesses, and the word SEAL in brackets.

"Thomas Magee and his wife Elon, to Moses Magee, (b. 1789) \*\*\*\*\* for and in consideration of the sum stipulated to them in hand, at and before the execution of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*hath granted, bargained and sold unto him, the said Moses Magee, his heirs and assigns forever, all that piece or parcel of land, containing thirty nine





acres be the same more or less, lying in Indian River Hundred, County aforesaid, adjoining the lands of Absalom Rust, Thomas and James Simpler and Isaac Atkins, it being all of the said Thomas Magee's part or share of the tract of land that was laid off to him by 'Amicable Agreement' of the heirs of his father, John Magee lands, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold all the above described thirty-nine acres of land, be the same more or less, together with all and singular, the buildings, improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever, to be the same belonging or in any way appertaining unto him, the said Moses Magee, his heirs and assigns forever \*\*\*\*\* in testimony whereof the said Thomas Magee and his wife, - Elon, hath hereunto set their hands and seal this day and year above written." (End of quote).

NOTE 1: The genealogist was unable to locate a record of this prepared deed from Thomas and Elon Magee, to Moses Magee, (b. 1789), among the County records at Georgetown, Delaware.

Some unforeseen circumstances may have developed, and this acreage may have been retained by Thomas and his wife Elon (Joseph) Magee. It could even have been merged with his other lands, and Willed to one of the sons as a portion of his holdings, as his Will indicated that recent surveys had been made (1857) as evidenced by descriptions and disposition.

NOTE 2: The primary reasons for quoting the major essentials of this old, well written, but apparently unrecorded, deed are:

First, It is another proven link in the relationship of Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. in 1857, a son of John and Ann Megee.

Secondly, The unrecorded deed is prima-facie evidence that the said Thomas Megee was allotted under the "Amicable Agreement" approved by the Court on April 24, 1813, a tract of 39 acres as his portion of his father's estate, and that the ownership had remained with him, at least up to the date of this programmed deed of 1819. Also, that this tract obviously had improvements on it.

Thirdly, This item serves to account for the allotted portions of the John Megee (Magee) lands to six, of the total eight heirs, namely, --- Rebecca, -- William, -- Anna, -- Thomas, -- Elizabeth, and Moses. The failure to locate the allotted portions to Peter, b. 1777---d. 1816, and to John Jr., b. 1780 and died July 1851, have been commented upon in the narrative for each of those.





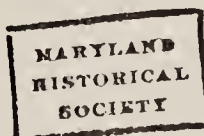
This somewhat ancient document---about 136 years as of the date found---even though unrecorded, is of distinct value for the reasons stated. It was much worn, especially in the creases of the folding. However, it was practical to get a reasonably good photo-stat copy made, and considering the length of time, may be considered as "well preserved". It has been added to the writer's Home file, of this Family Tree Project.

One would undoubtedly have a most interesting story, were it possible to determine where and how this unused document reposed so undisturbed, from 1819 to 1955. How many generations were involved---how many times it must have been moved along with a stack of old--unopened--yet retained for some purpose,---papers. It may have been handed down by descendants of Thomas or Moses Megee, b. 1789-----d. 1864. However, to the writer, the most logical assumption may be, that the Notary-Justice of Peace, who probably wrote this unrecorded deed, held it for the final signing and witnessing, and when that Act did not occur, that it became lodged with other deferred and unfinished "Business" files, and that the said Notary was either located in Milton, or these retained papers were moved there by some of his descendants, who simply moved certain items "As were" when they came in their possession.

Incidentally, Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. August 1857, left a very clearly written and well defined Will, dated June 1857, which specifically named each of his eight adult children one or more times, also four grandchildren by names and relationship. Noah Wiltbank Megee, (his second son---a shipbuilder of Milton) was named as Administrator. Said Will consisted of 3½ pages, disposed of close to 500 acres of lands, free of any incumbrance, and was witnessed by two well known men,--neighbors residing in the vicinity of the Thomas Megee homestead.

The eight adult children of Thomas and his wife Elon (Joseph) Megee will be reviewed individually, under the head of THIRD generation.

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2nd                    ELIZABETH MEGEE, daughter of John and Ann Megee,  
Gener- Indian River Hundred is believed to have been born in late  
ation: 1787. See the record of John Megee, first provable gener-  
ation in Sussex County, and the "Amicable Agreement" for  
the division of said John Magee lands in April 1813. See  
the record of Rebecca Megee, second generation, including  
her Will which named her younger sister, Elizabeth as  
chief beneficiary.

Sussex County Deed BK.-AM-35, p. 130---1817, Elizabeth Megee (spelled this instance as McGee) a singlewoman, bond of conveyance to William Megee for land in Indian River Hundred Willed to her by her sister Rebecca Megee,--38 acres, which was allotted to Rebecca Megee, a daughter of John Megee---action entered in Court of Common Pleas, Sussex County, in 1813.

See Peter Megee, second generation,--photo-stat copy of Administrators accounting of said Peter Megee's estate, March 27, 1817. In absence of any issue, his widow was given  $\frac{1}{2}$  dower of personal property inventory, after payment of all expenses. Those named as recipients were William, John Jr., Thomas, Moses, Elizabeth Megee, and Anna Thoroughgood. This last named beneficiary, could only be Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood, married in 1805, to William Thoroughgood. Said Anna was a sister to the other named five heirs.

"Sussex County Deed BK,-AK. 33-p. 354, February 24, 1818, Smith Brittanham or (Brittingham) and wife, Elizabeth, late Megee, to Absalom Rust, her lands of  $32\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Indian River Hundred, beginning in Rosemary Branch at corner of said Rust's other lands---Post at Dutchman's Branch, recorded 4-15-1818." He signed and she made her mark. This was Elizabeth's allotted portion of her father's estate, the John Magee lands, entered in Common Pleas Court, April 1813.

Elizabeth Megee listed herself as a singlewoman in the Deed for 38 acres to her brother William Megee, in 1817. Apparently she married not too long after the 1817 Deed of record, as shown by the deed of 2-24-1818 (see paragraph immediately above).

The said Smith Brittanham (or Brittingham) must have owned a homestead, and by mutual agreement, Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Megee disposed of both,---the tract of her father's estate, allotted to sister Rebecca, and Willed by the latter to Elizabeth, prior to her marriage, and then the  $32\frac{1}{2}$  acres allotted to her direct, and sold subsequent to her marriage.





The only record the writer has ever seen of said Smith Brittanham, is the following: U. S. Census for 1820, Indian River Hundred, page 5, reads----

Head of Household	
Smith Brittanham-----	Males
2, age bracket,	10 years and under
1, " "	10 and under 16 years
1, " "	45 years and over
Females	
2, age bracket	10 years and under 16
1, " "	27 years and under 45
1, " "	45 years and over

There is no definite proof that the above U. S. Census record was the Smith Brittanham shown as the husband of Elizabeth, in the deed of record, February 24, 1818, but considering the Indian River Hundred location, and only about two years after her marriage, could be presumed a second marriage for him. If this is correct, he obviously had about five children left by his first wife, unless one of the males, under 10 years in Springtime of 1820, when the Census was taken could have been a son by said Smith Brittanham and his wife Elizabeth (see below). Under FEMALES in the 1820 Census, there is one listed as being in the age bracket of 27 and under 45 years, which could be Elizabeth, estimated born in 1787, or about 33 years old in 1820.

The Census records for 1830 and 1840 do not list a Smith Brittanham or Brittingham, in Indian River Hundred. They could have moved away, or have been deceased. Incidentally, the male in the 1820 Census as 45 years and over, presumably was Smith Brittanham himself, while the female over 45 years could have been his Mother, or other relative. (Purely, gratuitous presumption.)

The exact date of Elizabeth Megee's marriage is unknown, likewise her death, although one might speculate that she died prior to Autumn of 1835, because an affadavit before a Justice of Peace at Georgetown, Delaware in October 1835, in connection with Levin D. McGee, (see Appendix "A") deceased, who left "No Will, no issue, no widow and no parents." Among the signers of this affadavit were: William McGee, John McGee (Jr.), Thomas McGee, Thoroughgood Brittanham, Ann Brittanham, Elizabeth Brittanham. The said affadavit purportedly included the nephews and nieces, (including grandnephews and grandnieces). It could be presumed with no provable data (to-date, late 1961) that the three Brittanhams may have been the issue of Elizabeth (Megee) Brittanham, between late 1818, and say 1834, and that Thoroughgood Brittanham was named for his uncle William Thoroughgood; that Ann was named for her grandmother, Ann Megee,



and/or aunt Anna Thoroughgood, also that Elizabeth Brittanham was named for her mother, Elizabeth (Megee) Brittanham.

No specific research has been made to date, for further information concerning Elizabeth (Megee) Brittanham or Brittingham, than the evidence of her marriage, as definitely shown in the deed of record, 2--24--1818.

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Gener-  
ation: MOSES MEGEE, son of John and Ann Megee, of Indian River Hundred, the youngest of eight adult children, was born in 1789, based upon the U. S. Census for 1850. He married Sarah Wilson prior to 1820, presumably a widow with possibly two daughters, or one daughter and one granddaughter.

Moses Megee was listed as the head of a household in the 1820, 1830 and 1840 U. S. Census reports for Indian River Hundred. The 1850 Census was the first to list the names of all persons domiciled in a household, and the report for that year is shown below:

Moses McGee-----	Age 61,---	Farmer---	Owner of Real Estate
Sarah "-----	" 60,---	{Would make est'd birth-----1790	
Sarah Wilson----	" 37,---	" " " "	-----1813
Elizabeth Wilson "	20,---	" " " "	-----1830

The U. S. Census records for 1860 show Moses as being 71 years old and his wife Sarah as 70 years, which would again indicate that his birth was about 1789.

#### Sussex County Recorder of Deeds:

"Deed Bk.-A1-34, p. 375,--1819, John Wilson of Joshua, to Moses Megee, land in Indian River Hundred of about 40 acres."

"Deed BK.-AM-35-, -p. 207,--1820, to Thomas McGee from Job Reynolds and wife Sally; William Megee and wife Sally; and Moses Megee and wife Sally, their rights in land in Indian River Hundred, called Wolf's Den, taken up in 1744 by Thomas Shurman,---rights of Reynolds as per conveyance bond dated 2-16-1808; of William Megee as per conveyance bond dated 2-2-1811; And by Moses Megee as per conveyance bond dated 3-31-1813-----total 91½ acres, adjoining lands of John Burbage, John Megee (Jr.), and others---(No relationships given, and they were apparently just making one deed for the whole transaction. However, it is known that William Megee and Moses, were brothers, born in 1775 and 1789 respectively. It is also known that William Megee's first wife was Sarah (called Sally) (Ennis) Megee, and that Moses Megee's wife was Sarah Wilson Megee, naturally called Sally.

Photo-stat copies of the settlements of John Megee Sr.'s estate in 1813, and Peter Megee's estate in 1817, lists Moses (b. 1789---d. 1864) as well as the other brothers and sisters,---children of John Megee Sr., and his wife Ann.

#### Sussex County Recorder of Deeds office:

"Patent BK.--W, -p. 473, 1823, Moses McGee, 79½ acres called "Lookout". The Researcher found this same entry in the Governors Register, (Delaware), pages 198 and 310.





"Deed BK.-AP.-38, p, 15, -- 1826, Absolom Rust and wife Mary to Moses Megee, land adjoining Rust's other land in Indian River Hundred."

"Sussex Deed BK.-AO, 39,-p. 350---1826, Moses Megee and wife Sarah of Indian River Hundred to Absolom Rust, two parcels of land in same Hundred. It recites title to John Megee (Sr.) then states that John Megee died and his lands were divided by "Amicable Agreement" approved by the Court of Common Pleas in 1813 and these allotted portions to Moses as his share of his father's estate---land was called "Welch's Folly" and shows various conveyances and had been assigned to John Megee Sr., by William Blizzard in 1802. Moses signed and Sarah, his wife, made her mark."

The Will of Moses Megee, (b. 1789) was signed and witnessed August 29, 1864, and he apparently died a short time thereafter, aged about 75 years. The Home farm where he resided at time of reaching "Journey's End" was left to his wife Sarah,--"during her natural life and at her decease to James Brittanham, (may also have been spelled Brittingham), for him, his heirs and assigns forever." The residue of his real estate, (other than the home farm) was left to James M. Brittanham, a son of James Brittanham on condition that the beneficiary pay Sarah Ann Wilson, (apparently daughter of Sarah Wilson Megee by an earlier marriage) an "X" amount, also to pay Elizabeth Milby, an "X" amount. Presumably these were the two listed in the Moses Megee Household, at the time of the 1850 U. S. Census, and by 1864, the said Sarah Ann Wilson was about 51 years of age, and Elizabeth Milby was probably the Elizabeth Wilson, aged 20 years at the time of the 1850 Census, and had married between 1850 and 1864, at which time she was about 34 years old.

The records of the National Archives in Washington, D. C. shows that Moses Megee, (b. 1789) was on the rolls of Captain John Hood's Company, in May 1813 at Lewis Town. This was probably an emergency call for volunteers to meet the defense needs against the British in the War of 1812-1813.

NOTE: Collectively, the records show that William, Peter, John Jr., and Moses, the brothers, apparently served in the defense needs at Lewis Town for a short period in May 1813, undoubtedly in response to a call for volunteers, as they were about 38,---36,---33, and 24 years of age respectively:

The Will of Moses Megee, b. 1789, naming James Brittanham, and his son James M. Brittanham as the beneficiaries of his real estate holdings, does not indicate any relationship but, one might speculate that his wife, Sarah Wilson Megee, may have been a Brittanham.



The U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred for 1860 lists a James Brittanham, aged 40, a farmer; Mary, his wife, aged 36, with a son James M. Brittanham, aged 8, which would make him 12 years old in 1864. There is no proof that this is the family to whom Moses Willed his real estate, but appears to be the only one of the name of James and James M. in the 1860 Census report, for that Hundred.

This is the last of the eight adult children of John and Ann Megee, born in Indian River Hundred, from about 1773 to 1789.

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Summary of the SECOND Generation  
The  
Children of JOHN and ANN MEGEE

- 1: REBECCA MEGEE, believed born about 1772-1773----died between December 7 (date of her Will) and the 19th (date of Probate) 1815, about 43 years old. The further proof of relationships shown in the Will are important.
- 2: WILLIAM MEGEE's proven birth by Church record, and two marriages with three proven children by the first marriage, and seven reported children by the second marriage, completes this section except for the surname of his second wife. He died 1837, aged about 62 years.
- 3: PETER MEGEE's proven birth by Church record, his death and proof of no children by the filed report of his wife, serving as Administratrix, together with the naming of two remaining sisters and four brothers, is complete and again verifies the relationships. He died very late in 1816 or early in 1817, aged about 39 years.
- 4: JOHN MEGEE Jr., proven by the U. S. Census for 1810, Indian River Hundred, listing----John Megee Sr., and directly under that, on the next line is,---John Megee Jr. The U. S. Census of 1850, the first to list ages by the years, (instead of by brackets of "Under 5 years; Under 10, etc.") shows his age as 70 years, making his birth in the year of 1780. He died in 1851. He was about 71 years old.
- 5: ANNA MEGEE, believed born about 1783, see narrative, also the fact that the Sussex County marriage records show that she married William Thoroughgood in August 1805. The record of his death in 1847 states that he was 64 years old,-- or born about 1783. She was about 75 years old when "Summoned home".
- 6: THOMAS MEGEE, according to headstone in the Family Burial ground, he was born in March 1786. He is mentioned in his sister Rebecca's Will quoted herein. He was named in the Common Pleas Court approved "Amicable Agreement" for the division of his father's lands, also in an unrecorded deed of 1819, which has been quoted, as further verification. He died in 1857, aged 71 years plus.
- 7: ELIZABETH MEGEE, believed born about 1787, as stated in the narrative for her. She was named along with the other seven, in the settlement of her father's estate;---in her sister Rebecca's Will; in two deeds; and her marriage is based upon the second quoted deed reference, because it was signed by her husband and herself and reference made to the former Elizabeth Megee. Date or year of death unknown.
- 8: MOSES MEGEE, believed born 1789, based upon the U. S. Census records for 1850, listing him as 61 years old, and further confirmed by the 1860 Census. He was married at least approximately 44 years, based upon reference to a deed in 1820, and his Will of 1864. No children. His nephew, Moses Megee, born 1819, was obviously named for him. Moses was about 75 years old at time of death in 1864.

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T H I R D   G E N E R A T I O N  
 Being the Children of The Four Members  
 of a Total of Eight --- of the Second  
 Generation; who Left Descendants

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- 1: The ten (10) children of ----- WILLIAM MEGEE, b. 9-30-1775.  
 (Two marriages)
- 2: The two (2) children of ----- ANNA (MEGEE) THOROUGHGOOD.
- 3: The eight (8) children of ----- THOMAS MEGEE, b. March 1786.
- 4: A recap of the presumption that it is definitely believed that  
 ELIZABETH (MEGEE) BRITTANHAM or BRITTINGHAM, had three and  
 possibly four children, however, there's no documented veri-  
 fication.

Rebecca did not marry. Peter---John Jr.,---- and Moses were  
 married but left no children.

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### THIRD GENERATION

#### Children of William Megee's First Marriage

3rd                    WILLIAM MEGEE (Jr.) b. 1813, the oldest of three  
Gener- children of William Sr's (1st m.) and Sarah (Ennis) Megee,  
ation: his wife. The Will of Rebecca Megee (Est. b. about 1773)  
dated December 7, 1815 specifically mentioned "My Nephew  
William, son of William Megee," (her brother).

William (Jr.) was reported as being 15 years of age, in August 1828, according to an Orphans Court Record of Sussex County, Delaware. This feature will be detailed later under the narrative of Moses Megee, (b. 1819-----d. 1888) third son of William Sr. and Sarah (Ennis) Megee.

There has been no provable information developed concerning said William Megee (Jr.) since the Orphans Court proceedings above mentioned in 1828. It has been presumed that he was "Called Home" before reaching adult age.

This presumption regarding William (Jr.) appears more logical since William Megee (Sr.) and his second wife, Mary Megee (surname unknown) who were married in the spring of 1821, named their sixth child---William H. (born about 1834), some five years after the 1828 Orphans Court proceedings.)

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3rd                    ROBERT MEGEE, b. about 1815 according to the Orphans  
Gener- Court proceedings of August 1828, the second son of William  
ation: and Sarah (Ennis) Megee. In the interest of condensation  
and the avoidance of repetition, the said Court proceedings  
will be detailed under the narrative of Moses Megee, (1819  
----1888), third son of William Sr.

Robert was named as being 13 years old in August 1828. No further proven record has been developed. The U. S. Census for Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, in 1830, listed WILLIAM MEGEE (Sr.) as HEAD OF A HOUSEHOLD, and others in said household were listed by "Age brackets" which was the method in use for the decennial Census records until the year of 1850. Included in the said 1830 Census under William Megee, was a male in the age bracket of --- "11 years and under 16 years". The writer offered a gratuitous suggestion that this could have been ROBERT MEGEE, born about 1815, who was undoubtedly living at home with his father and stepmother, having accompanied them in the move from Indian River Hundred to Baltimore Hundred in late 1822 or early 1823.





Among the handed down--hearsay--unverified reports of the earlier generations has been one, namely that Moses Megee (b. 1819) had an older brother Robert, and, that as a relatively young man he migrated westward and was never heard from afterward. The writer recalls his father and an uncle talking about this old rumor on one or two occasions.

During an exchange of letters in the late 1930's, with an older first cousin in Philadelphia, about this Family Tree Project, the latter wrote under date of 1939, and after closing his letter, added the following Postscript;

"P.S.--I heard my grandfather (referring to Moses b. 1819) say, when I was a young boy, that he had an older brother, who apparently disappeared and was never heard from later." NOTE: (This letter is a part of the Home file of this Project.)

Apropos the suggestion of migration westward, there were people from Baltimore Hundred who joined wagon trains from the Peninsula and trekked west. The Aydelott family had a John Aydelott, an Elder of the Blackwater Presbyterian Church in 1767 (See Scharf's History of Delaware, Vol. II, Baltimore Hundred) who was the progenitor of a later Aydelott from there, who migrated westward and first settled in Preble County, Ohio and later moved to Illinois. The grandson of the first Aydelott, born in Preble County, Ohio, spent the major portion of his life as an employee of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. His name was James H. Aydelott, who was successively promoted until he became General Manager of the Eastern District of that railroad, headquarters in Chicago.

The said James H. Aydelott was later named Vice-President of the Operations-Maintenance Department of the Association of American Railroads, in 1947, headquarters in Washington, D. C., in which capacity he was this writer's superior officer, between 1947 and August 1953, when he reached the age of 70 and retired, and returned to a suburb of Chicago to live. Letters have since been exchanged once or twice annually, especially since the writer's retirement in late 1958. His letter of February 1961 said they had completed their FAMILY TREE, about which he had talked with the writer some years earlier. He said his ancestors first landed in Virginia, then came to Somerset County, Maryland, thence Worcester County when it was created in 1742, and took over a portion of Somerset County, and that in 1775, when the Proclamation made effective the new boundary line between Delaware and Maryland, that the Aydelott family of Baltimore Hundred became Delawareans, without any actual physical movement of persons or personal property.





Under date of April 5, 1961, James William Dutterer, of Philadelphia, in writing a letter for his mother, Ethella (Chamberlin) Rickards, Dutterer (daughter of Kate (Megee) Chamberlin) said that his mother recalled hearing the said Kate (Megee) Chamberlin say on two occasions that she had recollections as a young girl in the 1870's that an uncle ROBERT MEGEE visited her parents, and it was her thought that he came from New York City, that he seemed to be satisfactorily located as he and his wife always brought gifts along on their occasional visits. "Grandmother Kate said these visits stopped suddenly and if there was ever any later contacts she never heard of them."

The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, has given this subject close attention in the explorations and research of State and County records. Under date of March 1, 1963 she submitted some additional data, which apparently was developed concurrently with other research work, and among these items were:

"Baltimore Hundred (Delaware) Assessment of 1844---- Robert McGee 100 acres of land --- \$100, and for his person \$134.00." Following this was a notation,--- "1847 deduct 100 acres land, transferred to John Bennett---deduct account person left the State,--(all crossed off)". Then the same book for year 1848, there were three persons assessed, each being per person,--\$134.00, namely Arthur L. Magee, John Magee, and Robert Magee. Note they were named alphabetically by christian names. Arthur L. and John (R) were sons of William Magee by his second marriage, and the said Robert Magee, could have been the ROBERT MEGEE, b. in 1815 by William Megee's first marriage. He would have been about 33 years old in 1848.

There were other MAGEES--MEGEES--in Baltimore Hundred in the 1785 to 1850 period, and their descendants are still presumably in the area. However, there were none under the name of ROBERT that has been reported.

NOTE: There was no further record of the transfer of the 100 acres of land to John Bennett in 1847 by Robert Magee. In this connection the Administration--Sussex County, Vol. A-87, p. 168, Archives at Dover, Delaware, reads----"Dated 5-18-1838, probated 9-19-1838---William McGee (reported as William Megee, May 10, 1837, p. 28) the Administrator was Jehu Bennett".----Maybe no connection, merely a co-incidence about the name Bennett in both cases, 1838 and 1847.

The preferable handling, perhaps, would have been to say, ROBERT MEGEE obviously disappeared, and no proven record found after the Orphans Court proceedings of August 1828. This is further emphasized under the narrative of MOSES MEGEE, b. 1819, which follows, however it has seemed desir-



able to indicate the efforts expended and all that has been found, in some detail. There are no factual bases for anything after 1828 except, the very strong presumption that the Baltimore Hundred Assessment list of 1848, ---Arthur L.---John (R)---and Robert, were all sons of William Megee, deceased in 1837. No further record of any kind.

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Gener-  
ation: MOSES MEGEE, b. 2-21-1819----d. 7--7--1888, aged 69 years and four months plus. He was the youngest of three children of William (1st m.) and Sarah (Ennis) Megee, in the Zoar area, of Indian River Hundred. He was apparently named for his Uncle Moses Megee, (b. 1789---d. 1864). His mother, Sarah (Ennis) Megee died in the second half of 1820. His father, William, married a second time in the early spring of 1821.

It has always been a well understood and a well verified report, that Moses, b. 1819, who was only about 1½ years old when his mother died, was reared by his uncle Thomas Megee, and wife Elon (Joseph) Megee, and that he remained with them until a grown man. The writer recalls his father, Alfred H. Megee, and two of the latter's older brothers, talking about this feature of their father's life. The late Francis H. Irwin, a great granddaughter of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee in a letter dated 1933, which is in the possession of and attached to the Home file of the writer, in speaking of the Family History said that her investigations proved that William Megee left his young son Moses, b. 1819, with Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee after the death of William's first wife.

"BK-O-p.-343, 8-18-1828-Petition of William Jefferson of Warren, Dagsboro Hundred and his wife Mary, for division of lands of William B. Ennis."--(said William B. Ennis, b. 7-25-1767, and baptized at St. George's Chapel in 1768 died intestate June 6, 1826)--"Left four children: Mary, now wife of William Jefferson, aged 21 years; Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson, above 21 years; Joseph J. Ennis about 21 years; and Joshua Ennis, an infant under 14; also three grandchildren, issue of Sarah McGee, a daughter of said intestate: who died during the lifetime of said intestate--William McGee aged 15 years; Robert McGee, aged 13 years, and Moses McGee, aged 10 years." NOTE--These ages of the three grandchildren were as of the date of the Petition.

"Orphans Court, Sussex County, BK.-O.-p. 395, year 1829:

"No. 1--Adjoining lands of John Burbage and Thomas Megee--along a public road from Millsboro to Milton,--by Mill Dam--containing 65½ acres also Mill, pond and lot of one-half acre."

"No.2--Side of Mill Dam along No. 1 plat and along public road, Milton to Millsboro and along three lines of Thomas Megee's and along Jane Collins' (negro) land--along Noah Joseph's land, Absalom Rust, and along pond, containing 91 acres."

"No. 3--On a prong of Cowbridge Branch at corner of John Burbage--along Moses Megee's (b. 1789--d. 1864)--(An uncle of Moses Megee, b. 1819---d. 1888)--Run of soccorcketts branch to Mill Pond, containing 104 acres."





"William Jefferson, and wife, Mary get No. 2 tract."  
(It was noted in 1960, that said William Jefferson and wife in 1832, deeded this same tract of 91 acres to Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. 1857.)

"William Johnson, and wife Elizabeth get No. 3 tract."

"The two Ennis boys and the three Megee boys get money."

"BK-O-p. 483, 8-14-1829, Joseph J. Ennis accepts tract No. 1, described as earlier listed as No. 1 portion, of William B. Ennis lands."

Sussex County Orphans Court (Excerpt quoted)--"BK.-O-p. 248 in 1828--Petition of John McGee Jr.,- that William B. Ennis deceased of Indian River Hundred did not dispose of the guardianship of his minor son, Joshua Ennis, under 14". John McGee Jr. (b. 1780---died July 1851)--married Elizabeth (Betsy) Ennis, born 1773, a sister of William B. Ennis, and an aunt of Joshua Ennis, "under 14". BK.-O-P. 333 shows that John McGee Jr. was appointed guardian for Joshua R. Ennis in 1829.

No mention was made in the Orphans Court proceedings about any guardian for the three Megee boys, grandchildren of William B. Ennis,---whose mother, Sarah (Ennis) Megee apparently died in the second half of 1820. By the time of the Court proceedings of 1828--1829, Moses, the youngest of the trio, had presumably been in the home of his uncle Thomas and aunt Elon (Joseph) Megee for about 8½ to almost 9 years and apparently was well settled there.

In the absence of any verifiable data to the contrary, it may be presumed that William Megee (Jr.) and Robert Megee, listed as being 15 and 13 years respectively, in the Orphans Court proceedings in August 1828, were domiciled with their father, William Megee Sr., and their stepmother Mary. They doubtless accompanied their father and stepmother in the moving from Indian River Hundred to Baltimore Hundred in late 1822 or early 1823. (Review earlier comments regarding William (Jr.) and Robert Megee.)

Mention has been made of John McGee (Megee) Jr., being appointed guardian for Joshua R. Ennis, "under 14" years. Lets take a look at the risk of repetition, of the U. S. Census for the year 1850, Indian River Hundred.

John Megee (Jr.)	--Age	70--Farmer--Real Estate Owner
Elizabeth(Betsy)	-- "	78--(Wife)
**John Lacey	----- "	26--Shoemaker
#Joshua R. Ennis	--- "	23--Farmer
Martha A. Ennis	--- "	23--(Presumably wife of Joshua R.)
William B. P. Ennis	"	1--{ " son of Joshua & Martha)
@Mary E. Watson	----	4--(No identification)





Symbol \*\* John Lacey is believed to have been a relative of Betsy-(Ennis) Megee, and reared in their home from an early age.

Symbol # Joshua R. Ennis apparently continued to reside with his aunt and uncle after reaching 21, and his marriage. This was very likely a welcome "Anchor" to them in their declining years, as they had no issue.

Symbol @ Mary E. Watson, aged 4 years in 1850. Looks like a case of being a "Good Samaritan" to some one in need. With seven occupants, it would seem the John Megee (Jr.) homestead must have been of at least three and possibly four bedrooms, or a right fair sized home.

The 1830 U. S. Census, which did not list names in a household, did show under John Megee (Jr.) one male under 5 years (could have been Joshua R. Ennis)---and one male "of 5 but under 10 years" (could have been John Lacey).

The division of the William B. Ennis intestate lands has been detailed at some length, as further corroborative evidence of the surname of William Megee's first wife, and the mother of the three sons, William (Jr.)---Robert---and Moses, (b. 1819---died 1888).

MOSES MEGEE, (b. 2-21-1819) was married 7-16-1845, to Mary C. Salmans, b. 6-27-1831, a daughter of John S. Salmans and wife, in the immediate vicinity of Zoar Cross-roads, Indian River Hundred. They were married by Rev. Jonathan R. Torbert, of Georgetown, (probably Minister of Zoar Church, which was attached to Georgetown circuit). Their children:

Name	Birth	Death	Approx. Age
John Robert Megee	1-17-1847	5-27-1920	73 yrs 4 mos
William Henry "	7-26-1848	11-21-1909	61 " " "
Mary Elizabeth "	2-25-1850	3- 5-1854	4 " -----
Lydia Hester "	5-17-1851	3-22-1852	----- 10 mos
Sarah Elizabeth "	6-18-1853	6-4- 1884	31 yrs
Theodore Burton "	11-19-1854	2- 2-1905	50 yrs 2 mos
Margaret Ann "	5- 1-1856	11-12-1902	46 yrs 6 mos
George Edward "	9- 5-1858	8- 7-1933	74 yrs 11 mos
Thomas J. Lynch "	4-25-1850	10-16-1860	----- 6 mos
Caleb Rodney "	11-10-1861	1-20-1934	72 yrs 2 mos
Alfred Hopkins "	1-10-1865	3- 4-1933	68 yrs 2 mos
Charles Emory "	4- 1-1867	8-26-1896	29 yrs 5 mos
Thomas Paynter "	5- 8-1869	1-24-1897	27 yrs 8 mos
David H. "	4-29-1872	7-11-1872	----- 2½ mos
Elenora White "	10-28-1873	3-19-1953	79 yrs 4½ mos

Total-----15;----(4 died very young;)----11 reached adult age.





The U. S. Census of 1850 listed Moses Megee, (b. 1819) as being 31 years old, a farmer of Indian River Hundred; his wife, Mary C. as 19 years old; children -- John R. age 3; William H. age 2; and Mary E. as 5/12ths of a year.

The first seven children were born in the Zoar area. Moses and his wife, Mary C. are reported to have continued to live in that neighborhood in close proximity to where they were reared, until the late 1850's.

An excerpt from an old Deed of Record, seems apropos at this point:

"Sussex County Deed BK. 61, -p.386--1854--Thomas Megee his wife Elon, to William M. Johnson, Joseph J. Ennis, Joshua R. Ennis and Moses Megee Jr., land in Indian River Hundred, near grist mill of John W. Megee, formerly called Ennis' Mill containing one half acre and including the present old burying ground or graveyard." NOTE: This would be a lot of 132' by 165', or 80 square perches.

The Ennis's had sold the grist mill and may be presumed to have moved. Thomas Megee, (father of John W. Megee, who had purchased the grist mill and pond) had in 1832 purchased the 91 acres, or lot No. 2, awarded to William Jefferson and wife, Mary (Ennis) Jefferson, in August 1829, in the division of the William B. Ennis intestate lands. This lot No. 2 adjoined Lot No. 1, inherited by Joseph J. Ennis.

The Ennis family was an old one in that vicinity, dating from pre-Revolutionary times. It may be assumed that they had used a plot of ground near the grist mill as a burying ground, therefore the words in the 1854 deed,--- "and including the present old burying ground." By this new deed of 1854, they apparently were making a perpetual family cemetery, by a deed of record, and for members and, or descendants of the family, named therein.

The 1854 Deed represents another confirmation of Sarah Ennis' marriage to William Megee about 1810-1811, by the inclusion of MOSES MEGEE Jr., who was a nephew of Joseph J. and Joshua R. Ennis. It is thoroughly understood that the suffix of "Jr." was for the purpose of definite identification, as his uncle Moses Megee, (brother of William, Thomas, etc.) b. 1789 was still living, and in the immediate vicinity of the former Ennis' Mill, in fact Moses, the senior in age and the uncle did not reach "Journey's End" until 1864.

This 1854 Deed to the Ennis heirs, brings out another significant feature, namely---the absence of any mention of the two older brothers of Moses Megee (Jr.)---(William and Robert mentioned in the Orphans Court proceedings of





1828)---This would seem to indicate that in 1854, neither of these two older brothers were available for potential usage of the said family cemetery which might well affirm the assumption that they were deceased and/or left no issue, hence the naming only --- of Moses Megee Jr. in the deed.

The map of Indian River Hundred, shown in Beers' Atlas, in 1868, clearly shows a Cemetery on the East side of the public highway, Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill, about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads. This is the old Megee Family Cemetery, deeded by Thomas and Elcn (Joseph) Megee to their eight children in 1853---(see narrative of Thomas Megee, second generation).

Approximately  $3/8$  to one-half mile farther North, or beyond the Megee Family burial ground, another cemetery is clearly shown on the map, in Beers' Atlas, on the East side of the public highway, along what is today, a short distance south of a branch-stream, but where in 1854, and at the time of Beers' Atlas in 1868, there was a mill pond and grist mill, on the East side of said public highway.

In May 1960, the writer made a brief on-ground survey of this location. Started with a call on Golda Pettyjohn, a retired farmer, on the West side of said aforementioned highway, a short distance North of the current Branch stream, (formerly the location of Ennis' Mill). Mr. Pettyjohn recalled that his father had on several occasions referred to the old grist mill, and the Dam which created the mill pond, also an old cemetery in the edge of the woods, as hereinbefore described.

The writer subsequently stopped at the house tenanted by a colored family, in close proximity to the believed location of the old Ennis Burial ground. In reply to inquiry and accompanied by the said tenant, a survey was made within the edge of the woods. The colored man reported that he had been advised there was an old cemetery there, but that there was no visual evidence of it. This was confirmed by the time spent---no headstones, no mounds of earth. After 100 years with probably very few, --- if any burials, and no indications of ever having had any protection in the way of a fence, there naturally would be little or no evidence remaining of a burial ground. If there ever were any headstones, they have long since disappeared. It was a worthwhile trip, even with the negative results. Mr. Pettyjohn said that as a guess, and purely from recollection of his father's remarks, a long time ago, the Mill was abandoned perhaps around the 1870--1875 period.

With other like mills nearby, the need for this Mill had apparently lessened to a marked extent. Further, after

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pursuing the retrospective journey through the unused and somewhat obscured corridors of memory, it was the recollection of Golda Pettyjohn that his father had said that the owners of land bordering the old Ennis' mill pond had bought out the rights of the grist mill and then "let the Dam go" in order to overcome the Spring flooding of much adjoining land. The stream is small today but does drain quite a little territory from its source in a southwestward direction to Morris' Mill where there is a large mill pond and a well maintained Dam.

In the late 1850's Moses Megee (b. 1819) and his wife Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, moved to Milton, Delaware. In response to the call for volunteers, by President Lincoln in the Spring of 1861, Moses enlisted, and at the expiration of the first enlistment, he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war between the States. He was mustered out of service, Company "D" 3rd Delaware Regiment of Volunteers, on June 3rd, 1865, according to SCHARF'S HISTORY OF DELAWARE, Volume I, "Appendix, titled, 'Roster of Delaware Volunteers' in the War of the Rebellion."

The Moses Megee family lived in the town of Milton during the major part of a decade from the late 1850's to the late 1860's. The U. S. Census for 1870, for Sussex County shows the following item:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hundred</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Moses Megee	51	Broadkilm	Farmer
Mary C. "	39	"	(Wife) keeping house
John R. "	23	"	Sailor
William H. "	21	"	Sailor
* Sarah E. "	17	"	At Home
* Theodore B. "	16	"	" "
* Margaret A. "	14	"	" "
* George E. "	12	"	" "
* Caleb R. "	9	"	" "
* Alfred H. "	6	"	" "
Charles E. "	3	"	" "
Thomas P. "	1	"	" "

NOTE: Factually Alfred H., b. 1-10-1865, was closer to 5 years than 6, unless Census taken late in 1870, which is most unlikely.

\* The six names prefixed with symbol are listed on Census report as "Attended school within the year."

Moses Megee reached "Journey's End" 7-7-1888, aged 69 years and 4½ months. The last several years he and his family resided on a farm on the Public highway, Harbeson to Milton, (see the details of this farm under Captain





William H. Megee, of the FOURTH generation).

The widow, Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, continued to reside on the same farm with sons C. Emory and Thomas P. and daughter Elenora, the youngest of the family born in 1873. In September 1888 Mary C. made application No. 513384, Certificate 309426, for a widow's pension due to the service of her husband Moses, in the War between the States, at which time she listed her age as 57, P. O. Harbeson, Delaware and one dependent child, Elenora W. The application stated date, place and name of Minister who performed her marriage 7-16-1845. She died March 13, 1891, almost 60 years old, and was buried beside her husband in the M. E. Church cemetery, at Milton, Delaware.

The several children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee were a very closely knit family, and with the single exception of Captain Caleb R., they resided in or near Milton, Delaware for the major part of their lives.

Incidentally, the genealogist was asked to develop a few items in connection with JOHN S. SALMANS, father of Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, of the Zoar district, Indian River Hundred. The data is quoted below:

Sussex County Office of Deeds:

"BK. 52, p. 33, 12-16-1843, John S. Salmans and wife, Eliza, to John W. Magee, Yeoman, all of Indian River Hundred, one equal undivided third part of the residue, or two-thirds part of a tract adjoining Jacob Hurdle and Gardiner H. Wright and containing in the two thirds of a total of 223 acres which Robert Lingo, one of the devisees and son of Samuel Lingo deceased, sold to John Lingo, who sold to John S. Salmans and composed of parts of several original tracts called "Hobbs Choice" --- "Spanish Oaks" --- addition to Robert Burton's "Forest Lands" and other names."

"BK. 66-p.12, 3-22-1859, John S. Salmans and wife Eliza to James W. Lynch, --- all of Indian River Hundred --- adjoining lands of John W. Magee (Megee), Gardiner H. Wright, and others, --- Beginning at a stone on West side of road from Millsboro to Milton, (first boundary) of "Lacey's Fortune" adjoining lands also of Robert Craig, deceased, and John Burbage deceased, --- 154 acres exclusive of Zoar Church lot."

"Lacey's Fortune was mentioned in deeds from John Megee Jr., (b. 1780---d. 1851) and wife Betsy (Ennis) Megee to Robert Burton, in 1817 and to William Waples in 1829. The genealogist says, ----- "I find in Beers' Atlas of Indian River Hundred, that the property right across the road from the present Zoar Church (1960) is shown as





that of J. W. Lynch, so the John S. Salmans property was in the immediate vicinity of Zoar Church Cross-roads.

NOTE: The 1859 Deed from John S. Salmans and wife Eliza Salmans to James W. Lynch, etc., "154 acres exclusive of Zoar Church Lot" was approximately nine years in advance of the publishing of said Beer's Atlas of Indian River Hundred, which carries a date of 1868. In other words up to 1859, it would seem that this particular property of John S. Salmans and wife, was the same as J. W. Lynch's property shown in Beers' Atlas in 1868.

John S. Salmans was one of the witnesses to the Will of Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. 1857, which was signed on the sixth day of June in the year of 1857.

The several children (11 adults) of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee will be reported upon individually, under FOURTH GENERATION AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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THIRD GENERATION  
Children  
of

2nd                    William Megee (2nd m.) and his wife Mary (surname  
Gener-                unknown) who were married in the Spring of 1821, possibly  
ation:                around April 1.

Their seven reported children:

John R.----Naomi----Anna Nancy----Arthur L.----  
Isaac W.----William H.----and Thomas.

3rd                    JOHN R. MEGEE, b. 1-1-1823, son of William and Mary  
Gener-                Megee, married Mary Jane Steele 1-7-1846. According to  
ation:                U. S. Census records, she was born in 1829. Their chil-  
                         dren, all born in the Clarksville-Millville-Ocean View  
                         area of Sussex County, Delaware were:

4th Gener- ation:	Name	Reported Births by Family Records	Reported Deaths	Approx- imate ages
	Mary Ann	b. 5-11-1848	10-31-1918	70 yrs 6 mos
	William H.	b. 5-11-1850	5-12-1881	31 yrs
	John E.	b. 1-28-1852	3- 2-1929	77 " 1 mo
	Nathaniel	b. 5-13-1854	3-14-1915	60 " 10 mo
	Charles B.	b. 3- 2-1859	6-30-1941	82 " 3 "
	Isaac S.	b. 6-20-1861	8- 5-1926	65 " 1 "
	Eunice Katherine	b. 9-27-1863	9-15-1959	96 " "
	James L.	b. 9-26-1865	7-15-1926	60 " 9 mos
	**Margaret Jeannette	b. 2- 9-1868	10- 2-1941	75 " 8 "
	**Timothy	b. 2- 9-1868	Twins Died in infancy	
	Hester	b. 2-23-1871	1-11-1911	39 " 11 mos
	Sarah (Sallie)	b. Year 1875	Year 1902	27

Additionally, there were: Thomas born in 1856 and Sarah Ellen in 1860, both of whom died in infancy. Timothy, one of the twins indicated by symbol \*\*, died in infancy. A total of eleven reached adult age.

Dates of birth of all except one, were supplied by Eunice Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, likewise the deaths, in a memorandum which she sent the writer in 1955.

Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin also advised that the father died in 1878, aged 56 years, and that he was buried in the Old Cemetery on the Hill about three city blocks distant from St. Georges Cemetery, at Clarksville, Delaware.

Mrs. Chamberlin further advised that her Mother, Mary Jane (Steele) Megee died 1-20-1908, aged about 79 years and that when her mother was 75 years old in 1904, she made a trip to Philadelphia for a visit at her daughter's home.

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The children of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee, eleven adults, will be reported upon individually, under FOURTH generation and descendants.

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3rd                    NAOMI MEGEE, b. about 1825 (known as Oma) daughter of  
Gener- William and Mary Megee, Baltimore Hundred. She married  
ation: John R. Banks, of Indian River Hundred, as evidenced by  
Marriage bond, in the State Archives at Dover, Delaware,  
reading: "John R. Banks and Naomi Megee, 1-21-1846."  
Their children:

4th                    Joshua----William----Eben----Ann----Lavenia----and  
Gener- John. The last named,---John, died at an early age.  
ation:

To date (1961) the writer has not run across the date of Naomi's reaching "Journey's End". However, it is presumed that it was at a relatively early age, possibly when she was in the late thirties, as it will be shown under FOURTH generation that John R. Banks is reported to have married twice after the loss of Naomi (Megee) Banks.

Naomi is not an every day name. The writer has speculated as to whether she was named for the Biblical lady of that name, or whether there was a possibility that she was named for Naomi Megee, widow of Peter Megee, second generation, and a brother to William Megee. In the latter case, there is a bare possibility of a potential relationship between Naomi, the widow of Peter, and Mary Megee, second wife of William Megee. (Purely gratuitous speculation.)

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3rd                    ANNA NANCY MEGEE, b. about 1826-1827, daughter of  
Gener- William and Mary Megee, of Baltimore Hundred. Following  
ation: the death of her mother in 1836, and a short time later, that of her father, she reportedly was taken to Philadelphia and grew up and married there.

4th                    She married James Lewis of Philadelphia, and they had  
Gener- two children, the older one dying in infancy. The second  
ation: child, a daughter named Margaret, (known as Maggie), who grew to womanhood in the city of her birth. (See FOURTH generation.)

Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin in a memorandum of 1954 in supplying some details of the family, said:





"Aunt Anna Nancy (known to me as Aint Anna Lewis) was widowed and lived in Philadelphia for many years, a short period of which she lived at home with my family. Around 1905, she returned to lower Delaware, where she died at about 82 years of age, 1908-1909. She was helpful to me when I came to Philadelphia around 1901. Aunt Anna (Megee) Lewis was buried at Clarksville, Delaware, but I do not believe it was in St. Georges Cemetery.

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3rd                    ARTHUR L. MEGEE, b. 3-22-1829, a son of William and  
Gener-                Mary Megee, of Baltimore Hundred, (Clarksville-Millville-  
ation:                Ocean View-Williamsville district). He was married on  
10-5-1856, to Laura A. Tubbs, b. 3-4-1842, daughter of  
Rev. William R. Tubbs.

NOTE: by writer. The records show that Arthur L. and all of his children and their descendants, have consistently spelled their names as MAGEE. (All others of William Megee's adult children (both marriages) spelled it as MEGEE, likewise their descendants.)

With a background of such usage by choice, for 100 years or slightly more, (apparently used since his marriage in 1856, or possibly earlier after reaching his maturity)--also being so listed in the family Bible of his son, Frederick E. Magee, this form of spelling will be applied properly, in the chronicling of the ARTHUR L. and LAURA A. (TUBBS) MAGEE family and their descendants listed herein. Their adult children were:

4th	Louise H. Magee,	b.	3-28-1863,	-----d.	12-20-1938
Gener-	Sarah Elizabeth,	b.	1-17-1868,	-----d.	5-23-1918
ation:	William Riley,	b.	5-17-1870,	-----d.	12- 6-1944
	Robert H. Magee,	b.	5-29-1873,	-----d.	7-25-1935
	Frank Asbury "	, b.	10-18-1875,	-----d.	Year-1959
	Frederick E. "	, b.	9-12-1877,	-----d.	
	Mary Adella "	, b.	8-31-1879,	-----d.	11-10-1962

The seven adult children above listed, including dates of birth, and dates of reaching "Journey's End" were supplied in October 1951 by Mrs. James S. Clark, (see Laura E. Magee, daughter of Frederick E. and Hallie E. (Collins) Magee.) The dates were taken from the family Bible of the late Mrs. Fred E. Magee,---See FOURTH generation.

The names only of the above listed seven adult children were supplied in 1955, by the late Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, with other data covering the children (3rd generation) of her grandfather (2nd generation) and his second wife, namely William and Mary Megee. At that time,





Mrs. Chamberlin was about 92 years old, and the writing was by her daughter, Ethella, due to the failing eyesight of Mrs. Chamberlin. In writing the name of ROBERT H. MAGEE, it was said that there was a twin brother named James b. 5-29-1873, who died at the approximate age of four years.

In a personal interview with Mrs. Laura (Magee) Clark at her home in late November 1961, concerning her review of the proposed write-up of the ARTHUR L. and LAURA A. (Tubbs) MAGEE family and their descendants, she stated that her grandmother, the said Laura (Tubbs) Magee-Brasure-Birch, spent her later years with her son Fred E. Magee, and her granddaughter, Laura, and had said to Laura on two or three occasions that ARTHUR L. and herself, had twelve (12) children, and that five had died in infancy, or very early in life. The record of the twin son James, above listed, accounts for one, and Mr. Fred Magee said a sister had died by accident at a very youthful age. The other three apparently died in what may be termed infancy. The four whose names are not listed were probably born between 1856 and 1862,---and between 1864 and 1867.

ARTHUR L. MAGEE, was a well known farmer of the Williamsville area. He reached "Journey's End" at a comparatively early age of 51 years and 10 months, on 1-28-1881. His Will dated 1-24-1881, was probated by his widow, who served as Administrator,---at Georgetown, Delaware on 3-2-1881. He was buried in a private burial plot on the farm currently owned (as of 1961) by Handy H. Megee, a grandnephew. Frank A. and his brother Fred E. Magee later arranged for the erection of a stone to his memory in Lynch Cemetery, near Williamsville, Delaware, where his widow was subsequently laid to rest.

Mrs. Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee remarried twice and lived long after the passing of each of these later husbands. She was "Called Home" 10-24-1941, aged 99 years, 7 months and 20 days. Certainly a Century may be termed a full life span. Burial was in Lynch Cemetery as aforementioned. The seven adult children and their descendants will be listed individually under the FOURTH generation.

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3rd                    ISAAC W. MEGEE, believed born about 1830-1831, based  
Gener- upon U. S. Census records of 1880. He was the son of  
ation: William (2nd m.) and Mary Megee of Baltimore Hundred.

In a thorough check of the U. S. Census records, for Indian River Hundred, for the year of 1850, for a list of ALL Megees---Magees---McGees---shown therein, the following item was noted:

Page 142, Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

"Peter R. Simpler,	Age 55----	Farmer
Laurana            "	" 52----	(Wife)
Elizabeth        "	" 20----	(Dau)
Eliza            "	" 14----	(Dau)
Isaac McGee      ,	" 18----	No remarks listed."

The 1850 U. S. Census was the first to record the names of all persons in a household. A check of the 1880 U. S. Census records shows the following:

From page 581, June 10, 1880, Indian River Hundred, Delaware.

	Isaac W. Megee, aged 50, Farmer	would make birth about 1830
	Sarah E.            " 45, (Wife)	" " " " 1835
4th	William T.        " 22, Son-farmer	" " " " 1850
Gener-	Laura A.          " 17, Dau	" " " " 1863
ation:	Maggie L.        " 11, "	" " " " 1869
"	Josephine        " 9, "	" " " " 1871
"	Sarah C.          " 6, "	" " " " 1874
"	Hannah S.        " 4, "	" " " " 1876

It may be presumed that following his mother's death, October 1836, and that of his father, a short time later, in 1837, that Isaac, approximately 6 or 7 years of age, was placed with friends, the Peter R. Simpler family of Indian River Hundred, and grew up there, as evidenced by the U. S. Census records.

The Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, shows:

"Isaac W. Magee and Sarah E. Johnson, 4-28-1856 by Rev. A. Wallace." Their children are listed above, from the 1880 Census report.

Apparently Isaac W. married an Indian River Hundred young lady. The Johnsons were numerous around the entire Hundred, and especially in the general area of Springfield Cross-roads and Zoar-Millsboro. While no definite date has been located, it is presumed that Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee died between the 1880 Census and late in 1883, based upon the following item:





From the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware.

"Isaac W. Megee and Lizzie C. Mitchell, 4-16-1884, by Rev. W. J. Duhadway." No family record of his death, however, a copy of the death certificate, from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dover, Delaware, reads,---"Isaac W. Megee, died 9-8-1893." The names of his parents were not shown on the certificate. He was approximately 63 years old.

From the Sussex County Records:---"Letters of Administration of estate of Isaac W. Megee, were granted to William T. Megee, 9-11-1893."

It is apparent that Isaac W. must have maintained contacts (perhaps reasonably close) with his relatives in Baltimore Hundred area. This is based upon the record which Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin supplied the writer in 1955, concerning the marriage, and children of her uncle Isaac, and to the fact that his four daughters, as will be shown under FOURTH generation, all married men of the Clarksville-Millville-Ocean View area.

NOTE: (The spelling of Isaac W. Megee, has been listed as found in the records from which quoted.)

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3rd                    WILLIAM HENRY MEGEE, believed born about 1833-1834,  
Gener- son of William and Mary Megee, of Baltimore Hundred,  
ation: Delaware.

The writer up to early 1961, had no record of William H. Following the discovery of Isaac W. in the household of Peter R. Simpler, in the U. S. Census of 1880, arrangements were set up for a repeat check of the Census records of 1850, for Indian River Hundred. The following item was located:

Page 270, of the 1850 Census, for Indian River Hundred shows:

"John H. Burton, age 44-----Farmer	
Sarah P.            "            37-----	(presumed wife)
Polly Burton     ,            78-----	(presumed mother)
-	
-	
-	
William McGee       "       15-----	(no remarks listed)"

William H. Megee, was probably not more than 3 years old when his mother (Mary Megee) passed away in October 1836, and possibly not more than 4 years when his father died in 1837.

There have been no findings---(verbal or otherwise) which confirm the William McGee in John H. Burton's household in 1850 as being the son of William and Mary Megee. This Census item is quoted because the age bracket seems to fit, and inasmuch as Isaac W. was reared in Indian River Hundred, it is possible that his younger brother William may have been so placed with friends and reared.

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(P. S. LATE SEPTEMBER, 1961)

The "Rough draft" of William (2nd m.) and Mary Megee, his wife, and their seven adult children, (reported by Mrs. Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, in 1955) and their descendants was sent Mrs. Allie (Megee) Rickards, of Millville, for review, corrections, suggestions and comments. She enclosed a note from a great granddaughter of William and Mary Megee who had read, the "Rough draft". The said note read as follows:

"Page 12,--- William Megee, (b. 9-30-1775) for his second wife, married Mary Burton of Indian River Hundred in 1821. The William Megee (maybe Jr.) listed as 15 on the 1850 U. S. Census in the household of John H. Burton was the son of William and Mary (Burton) Megee and the said John H. Burton was a younger brother of Mary (Burton) Megee, with whom young William Megee, b. about 1833-1834, made his





3rd home after the death of his parents. Charles Burton Megee  
 Gener- (known as Charles B.) b. 1859-----d. 1941, was named for  
 ation: his grandmother's maiden name, the said Mary (Burton)  
 Megee. I recall hearing Charles B. Megee refer to the  
 origin of his middle name as above stated."

The memorandum above quoted is the first time that any one of the Baltimore Hundred descendants of William and Mary (surname unknown) Megee, has ever hazarded a suggestion as to the maiden name of said Mary Megee, despite the many inquiries made.

The information in this memorandum was passed along to the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, for observation and further research as "may be convenient". Under date of 9-24-1961 the following comments were received:

"St. George's Chapel records, (no month or day named) under marriages----'John Hamilton Burton to Sarah P. Robinson, 1836". "St. Peter's (of Lewes) burials: In 1868 (no month or day) J. Hamilton Burton, buried Angola Neck." Based upon the 1850 U. S. Census, he was about 62 years old at time of death.

Subsequently under date of October 11, 1961, following much additional review and study including the U. S. Census records for 1860, and the County records of Georgetown, Delaware, these items of information were received:

"Will of James Burton, dated 6-29-1823, probated 2-9-1824.

To wife Polly.

To son John Hamilton Burton.

To son James Burton, (the oldest).

"Will of Polly Burton, no date but probated 4-13-1857.

To Henry H. Burton.

To Sarah P. Burton, wife of John Hamilton Burton, and their children, (who were not named)"

"There was no record of any Will for either John Hamilton or his wife, Sarah P. Burton."

"Administrations for Sussex County for that period are either in Dover or still at Fort Miles being classified. Will check when I again get to Dover, (Delaware). Under Deeds I found one of 1844 from Mary (Polly) Burton, widow of James Burton, John Hamilton Burton and wife Sarah, to the heirs of William Stephenson."





3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

William H. Megee, son of William and Mary Megee,  
(continued).

The suggestion advanced in the memorandum of the said great-granddaughter of William and Mary (surname unknown) Megee, as the result of reading the "Rough draft page" which brought to mind recollections of 25 years earlier, appeared to offer a possibility but, there's no verifiable supporting evidence, from the said great granddaughter, or any other member of the family.

The genealogist advises that the Will of James Burton, probated 2-9-1824, almost three years after the Deed signed by William and his wife Mary Megee of Indian River Hundred, named his wife Polly and two sons, viz., John Hamilton Burton and James Burton, but no reference to any daughter Mary. The surname of said Mary Megee remains one of the unsolved "missing links."

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3rd                    THOMAS MEGEE, believed to have been born about 1835,  
Gener-                son of William and Mary Megee, Baltimore Hundred.  
ation:

Cousin Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, of Philadelphia, in a memorandum dated 1955, concerning her knowledge and family recollections of her Aunts and Uncles, ---sisters and brothers of her father, John R. Megee, b. 1822----d. 1878, made this comment:

"Thomas married and had one son whom I've lost track of. Thomas was buried at Clarksville, it must be one of the oldest graves there. This is my recollection of the reported THOMAS, a brother of my father."

The writer has not located any item in the U. S. Census reports or other material, which could be tied provably to said Thomas, with the exception of one very remote possibility.

A check of the Marriage Files in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware for male members of the Negees of Sussex County (1850 to 1899) by the genealogist, shows one single item which has not been "fitted" in the family chart: Namely:

"Thomas Magee and Mary E. Chandler, --1-22-1855, by Rev. J. T. Atkins." (This was reported in duplicate, and the second report of the item shows the name as Megee.)

With a presumed birth of about 1835, the said Thomas, son of William and Mary Megee, would have been 20 to 21 years old in 1855. Purely a speculative offering by the writer.

There were other THOMAS Megees--Magee--McGee in the half century, 1850 to 1899, but they did not seem to fit; for example:

"Thomas P. Megee and Laura D. Truitt, 9-13-1891 by Rev. T. R. Creamer. This was the youngest son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, also an uncle of the writer.

"Thomas B. Magee and Lucinda Hickman, 12-22-1870, by Rev. W. R. Tubbs." This is a Baltimore Hundred marriage. However, this THOMAS B. MAGEE was of the Selbyville-Williamsville McGees or Magees, and not related (at least closely) to William and Mary Megee.

"Thomas McGee and Sarah E. Hastings, 2-9-1872." There is a possibility this is a Broad Creek-Little Creek Hundred couple, related to the McGees and Magees of that area.





3rd Have been prompted to list the above, as they may be  
Gener- of interest to someone who may, by chance, scan this Histor-  
ation: ical sketch at some future time.

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Summary of THIRD Generation  
Children  
of  
William (2nd m.) and Mary (surname unknown) Megee  
Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County

2nd      The Obituary Book in the Archives at Dover, Delaware  
Gener-   lists--"Page 26, October 6, 1836--Mary, wife of William  
ation:   Megee, aged about 33."

"Page 28, 5-10-1837, William Megee aged (blurred but looks like 60.)"-----Actually he was 61 years and 7 months plus, as of May, 1837. Their seven adult children as reported:

3rd      John R., (b. 1-1-1823) the oldest, was slightly beyond 14  
Gener-   when his father was "Called Home" and perhaps better equipped  
ation:   than the others for self sustainment.

3rd      NAOMI MEGEE (Oma), b. about 1825, married John R. Banks,  
Gener-   Indian River Hundred, in 1846. Following the loss of her  
ation:   parents, she was probably reared in Indian River Hundred.

3rd      Anna Nancy Megee, b. about 1827, approximately 9 years old  
Gener-   when her mother "Reach Journey's End". She was apparently  
ation:   taken to Philadelphia--grew up there--married and spent the  
major portion of her life there. Died in Clarksville, Dela.

3rd      Arthur L. (Orter) Megee, b. 3-22-1829, was about 8 years  
Gener-   old when he lost his father. He is reported to have been  
ation:   reared in the family of a Lemuel Lynch.

3rd      Isaac W. Megee, b. about 1830-1831, (based upon U. S. Census  
Gener-   report of 1880.) He was possibly 6 to 7 years old when his  
ation:   father died. Apparently he was reared in the household of  
Peter R. and Lurana Simpler of Indian River Hundred until  
married.

3rd      William H. Megee, b. about 1833-1834. It is believed, based  
Gener-   upon the U. S. Census of 1850, that he was reared in the  
ation:   family of John Hamilton and Sarah P. Burton of Indian River  
Hundred. No record of the name after this Census listing.

3rd      THOMAS MEGEE, b. about 1835, (the youngest of seven children.)  
Gener-   He was probably little more than one year old when his mother  
ation:   died, and not more than two years old when his father died.  
Have no confirming records of birth--- by whom reared,---  
marriage or death.

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THIRD GENERATION

1st      JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County,  
Gener-      Their children:  
ation:

2nd      Rebecca----William----Peter----John Jr.----Anna----  
Gener-      Thomas----Elizabeth----Moses, b. 1789----d. 1864.  
ation:

3rd      JOHN THOROUGHGOOD, b. about 1810, based upon U. S. Census,  
Gener-      and his reported age at time of death. He was the older  
ation:      son of William and Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood, listed in  
Vol. 16, -p. 349, Marriage Records of Sussex County, as  
8-25-1805. (See narrative of Anna Megee, under SECOND  
generation.)

According to Lewes Presbyterian Church records, under  
marriages:

"John Thoroughgood to Miss Jane Messick of Dagsboro  
Hundred, 11-17-1830." Their children as shown by  
Petition for settlement of the William Thoroughgood  
estate, before Orphans Court, in 1858:

GEORGE M.----SARAH A.----WILLIAM M.----JOHN EDWARD.

The Obituary Book in the State Archives, at Dover, Dela-  
ware, shows:---- "John Thoroughgood of William, died  
2-1-1844." About 34 years old.

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3rd      WILLIAM NEWBOLD THOROUGHGOOD (William N.). Based upon the  
Gener-      U. S. Census reports for 1850---1860---1870, he was born  
ation:      about 1815, the younger of two adult sons of William and  
Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood.

William N. petitioned the Sussex County Orphans Court, at  
Georgetown, Delaware, BK.-Z, -p. 183, 1858---- "William  
Thoroughgood of Dagsboro Hundred died on or about 4-27-1847,  
aged 64 years, ---left widow Anna and one child William N.,  
the petitioner; And the issue of deceased son, John; Namely  
George M.---Sarah A.---William M.--- and John Edward  
Thoroughgood; And said widow Anna has since died, etc.  
Division of lands shown on page 328, of the same book, "Z".

From the Obituary Book, State Archives, Dover, Delaware,  
the following items are quoted:





3rd "Child of William N. Thoroughgood, 7-29-1846, aged  
Gener- 16 months and listed on page 47."  
ation:

"Page 56, Elizabeth, wife of William N. Thoroughgood  
7-28-1849," (Age blurred and indistinct.)

From the Lewes Presbyterian records, the following  
item:

"8-17-1850--William N. Thoroughgood to Sarah T.  
Davidson, of Indian River Hundred."

It is obvious that said William Newbold Thoroughgood,  
b. about 1815, was married twice; that the names of his  
wives were Elizabeth, (d. 1849 as above listed herein) ---  
(surname unknown), and Sarah T. (Davidson) Thoroughgood,  
respectively.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The second generation narrative of ANNA (MEGEE)  
Thoroughgood is self-explanatory of the relationship as  
shown by documented--authenticated references.

No effort has been made to check beyond the 3rd  
generation, except in a very preliminary manner, as indi-  
cated below:

The exchange of two letters with Mrs. Olive Wilson,  
b. 1877, living in Millsboro, Delaware, and one personal  
call at her home, with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, Postmaster,  
Millsboro.

Under date of June 27, 1961, Mrs. Wilson wrote in  
part:

"My grandfather was WILLIAM NEWBOLD THOROUGHGOOD, who  
died 7-2-1876. My father's name was John Edward Thorough-  
good, b. 10-3-1840, who married Margaret Jane Rust,  
daughter of Thomas and Arcada (Walls) Rust. They were  
married 1-2-1868. Their children were:

Frank Thoroughgood, b. 7-14-1869  
William Edgar Thoroughgood, b. 9-12-1872  
Olive Mae (Thoroughgood) Wilson, b. 1-2-1877."

"Adam Thoroughgood, who came to this Country from  
England, is our principal origin connection, so I have  
been advised. Alton Thoroughgood, my nephew who lives in  
a suburb of Philadelphia, said there was a write-up in  
the National Geographic Magazine, about the Adam Thorough-  
good Home, in Virginia, in the April issue of 1955."





3rd  
Gener- During the conversation concerning the four children  
ation: named in the Orphans Court proceedings of 1858, of the  
deceased John Thoroughgood, an older brother of said  
William Newbold Thoroughgood, --- Mrs. Wilson said there  
were TWO, --- John E. Thoroughgoods, namely, one by John  
and Jane Messick, --- and one by William N. and his first  
wife,

In view of this conversation with Mrs. Wilson on  
July 6, 1961, am prompted to quote the U. S. Census records  
for 1850---1860---1870, as information for anyone who  
might, --- at some future time have the curiosity to fur-  
ther explore the subject.

3rd  
Gener- John Thoroughgood, older son of William and Anna  
ation: (Megee) Thoroughgood. Obituary record shows he died (said  
John) 2-1-1844, about 34 years old: Left four children,  
as named in Orphans Court petition of 1858: Namely:

4th  
Gener- George M.---Sarah A.---William M.---John Edward.

ation: U. S. Census for 1850, Dagsboro Hundred, page 323  
carries this item:

George Carpenter,	Age	40,	Farmer					
Jane S. "	"	40,	(Wife)					
Sarah A. Thoroughgood,	Age	15,	would make her birth about	1835				
William M. "	"	13,	" " his " "	1837				
John E. "	"	11,	" " " " "	1839				
Robert L. "	"	9,	" " " " "	1841				

The same U. S. Census for 1850, for Sussex County,  
Delaware, listed a GEORGE M. THOROUGHGOOD, in Cedar Creek  
Hundred, in the home of Edward and Ellen Morris. He was  
shown as 18, which makes his birth about 1832, which would  
fit the oldest child of John Thoroughgood, if added under  
George Carpenter and his wife, Jane S. above named.

As a result of reporting the Census development to the  
genealogist; advice from her dated 3-16-1962 shows that:  
"A marriage bond for George M. Carpenter and Jane Thorough-  
good, dated 8-4-1846, State Archives, Vol. 45, p. 152,  
Dover, Delaware." This proves the second marriage of Jane  
S. (Messick) Thoroughgood, about two and one-half years  
following the loss of John Thoroughgood, 2-1-1844, at the  
age of 34 years. The oldest child by her first marriage  
was apparently reared partially by Edward and Ellen Morris,  
who may have been related to Jane S. (Messick) Thorough-  
good, Carpenter. He apparently married in Cedar Creek  
Hundred, see 1860 U. S. Census below.

There is one puzzle here, namely Robert L. Thorough-  
good, aged 9 years in 1850, but whose name does not appear  
in the Orphans Court proceedings of 1858, initiated by the  
petition of William N. Thoroughgood for the settlement of



THOROUGHGOODS (Continued)

3rd THE WILLIAM THOROUGHGOOD estate, where only four THOROUGH-  
Gener- GOOD children of John Thoroughgood of William were named:  
ation:

GEORGE M.----SARAH A.----WILLIAM M.----JOHN EDWARD.

It is presumed that said Robert L., born about 1841 had been "Called Home" as a youth, between the date of the 1850 Census and the date of the petition of William N. Thoroughgood to the Orphans Court in 1858.

The 1860 U.S. Census carried the following item:

South Milford,---Milford, Delaware, P.O., page 781,  
Cedar Creek Hundred.

George Thoroughgood, aged 27, House carpenter, owner of  
real estate and personal prop.  
Rachel A.       "       "       24, (wife)  
Mary I.       "       "       2,  
Infant       "       "       Two months, and a son, but does  
not list the name.

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Mrs. Olive (Ollie) Wilson, widow, Millsboro, Delaware, on July 6th, said that she recalled having heard from the JOHN EDWARD, brother of George M.---Sarah A.---William M. and that he was located in the West, which would account for his name not appearing on the 1860 U. S. Census. Mrs. Wilson was also of the impression that said Orphan SARAH Married.

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3rd William Newbold Thoroughgood, b. about 1815, based  
Gener- upon U. S. Census records, and known as William N. ---  
ation: married twice. Apparently had children by both marriages.

The U. S. Census records of 1850 carries this item:

Page 55, Indian River Hundred, P.O., Millsboro, Dela.

"William N. Thoroughgood, age 35, Farmer  
Sarah T.       "       "       30, (presumably second wife)  
John E.       "       "       9, would make birth 1840-'41  
James F or James T "       "       7,       "       "       "       about 1843  
William M. or William N.,       "       2,       "       "       "       "       1848

The above children were apparently by William N's first marriage, as his wife Elizabeth is reported as deceased in 1849.





Thoroughgood (Continued)

3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

The U. S. Census of 1860 carries the following item:

"William N. Thoroughgood,	age	45,	Farmer
Sarah T.	"	41,	(Wife)
John E.	"	19,	Farmhand
James F.	"	17,	
Burton T.	"	8,	
Charles H.	"	8,	Twins
Lemuel D.	"	5,	
Harrietta or Henrietta	"	3,	
Sarah Ella Thoroughgood	"	Seven months	"

John E. and James are obviously by the first marriage. It may be assumed that William M. or N. listed on the 1850 Census was possibly "Called Home" between 1850 and 1860. The five children under ten years, are obviously by the second marriage to Sarah T. Davidson.

The U. S. Census of 1870 carries the following items under Indian River Hundred:

Page 132:

"William N. Thoroughgood,	aged	55,	Farmer-Owner R. Estate
Sarah T.	"	50,	(Wife)
Burton W.	"	19,	} One of twins
Charles H.	"	19,	
Lemuel D.	"	16,	
Sarah Ellie	"	10"	

Page 133:

"John E. Thoroughgood,	aged	29,	Farmer--Real estate
Margaret	"	22,	(Wife)(see Margaret Rust)
Frank	"	1,	Son"

Page 127:

"James F. Thoroughgood,	aged	27,	Farmer, Personal property
Mary E.	"	18,	(Wife)
Hannah R.	"		Two months, Dau."

The end of the THOROUGHGOOD record of John of William, b. 1810 and of William N. THOROUGHGOOD, son of William (twice married) b. 1815.

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### THIRD GENERATION

1st      JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County,  
Gener-   Delaware. Their eight adult children were:  
ation:

2nd      Rebecca---William---Peter---John Jr.---Anna---Thomas  
Gener-   Elizabeth---Moses, b. 1789  
ation:

Rebecca died a singlewoman. Peter, John Jr., and Moses were married but left no children.

Thomas Megee, b. March 1786 (See narrative under second generation). He married Elon Joseph, daughter of Jeremiah Joseph. Their eight adult children were:

3rd      John W.----Noah W.----Thomas P.----Peter----Elizabeth  
Gener-   Levin James----William T.----and Mary Megee  
ation:

3rd      JOHN WILLIAMS MEGEE, b. 4-20-1813, (known as John W.) the  
Gener-   oldest son of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, was married  
ation:   (1st) in October 1838, to Jane W. Simpler, of the same  
         general area, of Indian River Hundred. Their children:

4th      Fourteen (14) children, including three sets of twins, be-  
Gener-   tween 1840 and the close of 1857. Nine (9) died in infancy  
ation:   or at a relatively young age. Two (Letty H. and Thomas J)  
         were 14 and 16 years respectively. The remaining three  
         who reached adult age were:

William C. (survivor of third set of twins), b. 6-20-1846.  
Letty Jane, b. 4-6-1856.  
T. John Hough (known as "Huff"), b. 10-27-1857.

Jane W. (Simpler) Megee reached "Journey's End" March 1, 1862,---(date as carved on her headstone---age 46 years and 22 days)--- The Family Bible in possession of Thomas A. Rust (1960) lists Jane W's death as 3-1-1863. This latter date seems more likely correct, as it agrees with her age (46 years and 22 days) carved on the headstone, when compared with her birth 2-6-1817, in the Family Bible.

John W. married a second time, on 3-2-1865, --- to Anne S. (Johnson) Simpler, a widow, b. 6-3-1829, the daughter of Azale and Tabitha Johnson, of the Springfield Cross-roads area. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, reads,---"John W. Megee and Anne S. Simpler."

The U. S. Census of 1850 for Indian River Hundred lists:

"John W. Megee,	age 37, Farmer---Real estate owner
Jane W.        ,	33, (Wife)
Letty H.       ,	10, Dau.---died at age 14, or 1854
Thomas J.     ,	8, Son ---died at age 14, or 1858
William C.    ,	4, " Survivor of twins, b. 6-20-1846"





4th The 1870 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred shows:  
Gener-  
ation:

"John W. Megee, age 57, Farmer---Real estate owner  
Anne S. " , " 41, (Wife)  
Letty Jane " , " 14, Dau---by first marriage, b. 4-6-1856  
John Hough " , " 12, Son--- " " " b. 10-27-1857  
George L. " , " 4, " --- "second marriage, b. 12-9-1865  
Mary E. " , " 2, Dau--- " " " b. 3-11-1867"

3rd John W. Megee was married a third time. The Family Bible  
Gener- reads:---"4-27-1874, to Mary Johnson, b. 12-5-1821." The  
ation: Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, reads:  
"John W. Megee and Mary Johnson, 4-14-1874." The difference  
in the two dates might be, that the one in Dover, was taken  
from the License, while the one in the Family Bible was  
most likely from the date of the marriage certificate.

The U. S. Census of 1880, page 581, Indian River Hundred  
reads:

"Johnson, Azale ---- age 76, Farmer  
Simpler, Anne, ---- " 52, Daughter---divorced  
Megee, Mary E. ---- " 12, granddaughter"

Anne S. (Johnson) Simpler, Megee died 9-5-1885, aged 56 years  
and three months. Burial was in St. John's Church, nearby  
her parents.

Mary (Johnson) Megee, (John W's third wife) is listed in the  
Family Bible as --- d. 12-24-1882, aged 61 years and 19 days.  
The burial location is not listed.

John W., while listed as a farmer on the U. S. Census records  
named, was also an owner and operator of water powered grist  
mills. He owned the Mill, formerly known as Ennis' Mill,  
on the public highway, Millsboro to Milton--between Zoar and  
St. John's Church. He also owned and operated the Mill  
known as Spicer's Mill, on another stream above Morris' Mill.  
He and his wife, Jane W., sold the latter Mill in 1860, as  
evidenced by deed of record.

He was a volunteer enlistee in 1862 in Company "C", Sixth  
Delaware Regiment-Infantry, and honorably discharged August  
23, 1863. Scharf's History of Delaware,--(Appendix of Vol.  
I, names the personnel of Company C. Apparently it was  
largely made up of Indian River Hundred manpower. Among  
the names listed are ---- 11 Burtons; 7 Lawsons; 6 Lingos;  
6 Josephs; 4 Wilsons; 4 Warringtons; 3 Hopkins; 3 Hazzards;  
3 Rusts; 3 of the Walls family, etc.)

Among several deeds noted by the Researcher, excerpts are  
being quoted as information from two or three:





3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

John W. Megee (Continued)

"Sussex County Deed Bk. 51, p. 463,---Robert Lingo, to John W. McGee of Indian River Hundred, in 1843 --- 77 acres adjoining James Davidson at Zoar Public Road, Gardiner Wright's and wife, John Salmans and Jacob Hurdle's (exception, graveyard.) Surveyed in 1835 and being one third of dower in lands of Samuel Lingo, father of grantor. John Megee Jr., otherwise known as John W. Megee---(Note by writer:---John W's uncle John Megee, b. 1780---d. 1851 was still living in the same general area in 1843, which probably accounts for the suffix "Jr.")

The Will of Thomas Megee, b. 1786----d. 1857, reads in part: "To my son John W. Megee, all the lands purchased from William Jefferson, etc." (Note---This was the same tract that said William Jefferson and his wife, Mary (Ennis) Jefferson were allotted in the division of the William B. Ennis lands, 1828-1829. Thomas Megee acquired this tract of 91 acres in 1832.

John W. Megee applied for a pension late in life, at the age of 77 years in 1890, application 625,815. He listed no dependents and showed P. O. Address, Stockley, Delaware. The witnesses to this application were:---William T. Megee, his youngest brother, and David C. Megee, a nephew born in 1848. The pension application was spelled as MAGEE----- probably due to his enlistment being spelled in that manner by the Recruiting officer. Another member of the family, a second cousin to John W., who served in the War between the States was required to get affidavits from responsible business men of his area, and supplement his application for pension, because he was on the Rolls of the Delaware Regiment in which he served, as MAGEE, and had made out his application and supporting papers, in the early 1900s under his proper name of MEGEE.

John Williams Megee, b. 4-20-1813, reached "Journey's End" 1-27-1894, aged about 81 years and 9 months. It is the belief of his nearest of kin, as of 1960, that said John W. was buried in the Thomas Megee family burial ground, on the East side of the public highway, Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill, approximately one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads. However, there is no headstone.

John W's first wife, Jane W. (Simpler) Megee was buried in the family burying ground, as evidenced by her headstone, and several of their children have headstones there. In fact, it is believed that all of his children who died before reaching adult age, were buried in that Hallowed plot, deeded by Thomas and his wife, Elon (Joseph) Megee, to their eight adult children, and lodged with the Recorder of Deeds, at Georgetown, Delaware, in March, 1853.





John W. Megee (Continued)

3rd        The adult children of John W. Megee will be reported upon  
Gener-     individually, and/or their descendants, under FOURTH  
ation:     generation.

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3rd  
Gener- NOAH WILTBANK MEGEE, b. 9-30-1814, son of Thomas and  
ation: Elon (Joseph) Megee, of the Zoar Cross-roads and Spring-  
field Cross-roads area, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex  
County.

He married (1st m.) Patience Kellam, b. 4-30-1812, daughter of Thomas and Mary Kellam, (believed to be of Indian River Hundred). They were married 12-10-1838, and apparently moved to Milton, Delaware shortly thereafter. The U. S. Census for 1840 listed Noah W. McGee, as the head of a household in Milton, Broadkiln Hundred, under the age bracket of---"20 and under 30 years" with one white female in the same age bracket, (his wife). His occupation was listed as "Shipwright". Their issue:

4th  
Gener- Anna Hall Megee, b. 11--6--1844, Dau. {one of twins}  
ation: Lydia " , b. 11--6--1844, " { " " " "  
Cordelia " , b. Year 1848, "  
Charles Thomas", b. 10--11--1854, Son

The U. S. Census for 1850, for Broadkiln Hundred shows:

"Noah W. Megee, ---- age 35, Shipwright, Milton, Owner Realty  
Patience " , ---- " 38, (Wife)  
Anna H. " , ---- " 5, }  
Lydia " , ---- " 5, } Twins"

Lydia died prior to her sixth birthday as listed on her headstone. Cordelia is listed on headstone, ---"Died January 1849, age five months", therefore born about August 1848.

Patience (Kellam) Megee, died 11-18-1859, and her headstone is marked, "age 47". The two daughters, (Lydia and Cordelia) and their mother are "At Rest" in the Thomas Megee burial ground, about one-half mile North of Zoar X-roads, and on the East side of the public highway, Millsboro to Milton via Gravelly Hill.

Noah W. Megee was married a second time, his wife being Lydia H. Burton, b. 3-19-1833, daughter of John and Deborah Burton, apparently of the Milton area. Their children:

4th  
Gener- Mary L. Megee, b. 12--11-1862  
ation: \*\* John B. " , b. 8-28--1865  
William P.D.", b. Year 1872

John B. prefixed with symbol \*\* died 8--1--1866, aged 11 months and three days.

The U. S. Census for 1870 shows this item:





4th	"Noah W. Megee, ---- age 55, Milton, Shipbuilder
Gener-	Lydia H. " , ---- " 38, (Wife)
ation:	Charles T. " , ---- " 15, At home--attends school
	Mary L. " , ---- " 8, " " " "
	** Eliza " , ---- " 17, At home"

NOTE: Symbol \*\* for Eliza Megee---See THIRD generation narrative for Levin J. Megee, a younger brother of Noah W. The said Eliza lost her mother, Eliza (Davidson) Megee, in November 1852, when daughter Eliza was only 17 days old. She was apparently taken and reared by Noah W. and Patience Megee, and then by Noah W. and his second wife, Lydia H. (Burton) Megee. Later the said Eliza married a Milton sea Captain, see detailed under Levin J. Megee summary.

Noah W. progressed to a very substantial shipbuilder. Captain T. Clarke Conwell (in 1961) Vice President and Director of the American President S. S. Lines, headquarters San Francisco, California, has made a very comprehensive study of ships built upon the banks of the Broadkill river, also the names of ship Captains, who originated at, or near Milton. He has been generous in supplying much data concerning marine information with respect to those members of the family who "followed the water" as a vocation. This will be noted under the FOURTH generation and their descendants. However, the following is quoted from his letter dated November 21, 1960, concerning Noah Wiltbank Megee, the shipbuilder.

"As you know I have scanned scads of documents concerning shipbuilding on the Broadkill, probably 90% of it done at Milton. In most instances the name of the builder was contained in the body of the Customs document in this wording, which applies to Noah's first recorded vessel, the GENERAL TAYLOR,-----." Said ship or vessel was built at Milton, in the State of Delaware, in the year 1846 as per certificate of Noah Megee Ship Carpenter, dated July 27, 1846"-----The TAYLOR was a two mast schooner 75'6" X 23' X 4'8". The original owner was Aaron Marshall and I gather that he lived in Lewes." NOTE: However, an Aaron Marshall is understood to have lived in Milton, Delaware at the time this ship was launched.

"Noah's name appeared on five documents as the Carpenter. For the twelve vessels I have credited him with building, I have done so because he is listed among the original owners. The documents read, ---' As per Carpenter's Certificate on file in this office'-----which he probably is the result of some time-economizing penman charged with writing the whole document. My guess is that his share in the vessel represented a substantial part of the profit from the building."





3rd                "In those days vessels were built by what now would  
Gener-           be called syndicates. Builders probably obtained con-  
ation:           tracts because of their participation in the venture. I  
                 consider it reasonable to assume that Noah, a shipbuilder  
                 of some renown, would confine his investing to vessels of  
                 his own creation. With one exception, I did not trace  
                 Noah's ownership interest beyond the original document."

"As he was in the business of building, I would imagine that as soon as he could profitably do so he would dispose of his interest and plow the receipts into a new venture. However, it was not unusual for Miltonians of those days to own small interests in many vessels in order to spread their risks. Marine insurance was available but I doubt it was used extensively."

"The fractional parts of ownership started out as 1/2's and as the vessels increased in size and cost, the shares dropped to as small, in a couple of instances, as 1/128ths. For your information at this time, here is my complete tally on Noah's buildings. The first five he was recorded as Carpenter, the remainder as part owner to the degree indicated.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Vessel</u>	
1846	GENERAL TAYLOR	
1854	SALLY W. PONDER	
1855	WILLARD SAULSBURY	
1856	IDA PONDER	
1857	JOHN PONDER JR.	
1859	ANNIE MEGEE-----	3/8ths owner
1861	P. M. WHEATON-----	7/16ths "
1863	E. B. WHEATON-----	6/16ths "
1865	E. G. IRWIN-----	3/8ths "
1865	GEORGE NEVINGER-----	3/8ths "
1866	JOHN JOHNSON-----	4/16ths "
1867	ELIZABETH SINICKSON*****	1/16th "
1868	N. W. MEGEE-----	6/16ths "
1871	PAUL P. KELLER****	3/16ths "
1872	LENA BREED-----	1/4th "
1873	CHARLES A. COULOMB-----	1/8th "
1874	FRANK ATKINS-----	5/16ths "

"The vessels varied in size up to the ATKINS which was 130' X 34' X 11'6". Such a vessel would carry about 800 tons. The way to relate these dimensions would be to consider the length equal to the height of a ten or twelve storied building, and the width to the width of a city building lot in many cases."

"Regardless of what Noah did with his original ownership in those days, he kept an interest in the JOHN JOHNSON as long as he lived. In fact he was still listed as an owner on March 3, 1885. Obviously this share was then owned by his estate, and the name did not appear in the next document. A Megee was Master of the JOHNSON from July 7, 1873,





3rd through December 17, 1884. First, Captain William Henry, then in succession, Captains John Robert, and Theodore Burton Megee, This may have accounted for Noah's lengthy participation in the JOHNSON ownership."

NOTE: This letter was so interesting and so pertinent to the Noah Wiltbank Megee narrative, that it did not seem practical to attempt to condense it, and thereby mutilate the clarity of such a well done story.

Thomas Megee, (b. 1786----d. 1857) in his Will said, "Unto my son Noah W. Megee, all the lands I purchased from William M. Johnson and William Atkins, on the south-east side of the County road leading from Springfield Cross-roads to the Mill commonly called Spicer's Mill, now owned by John W. Megee."

Noah W. was named as Executor of his father's last Will and Testament. Beers' Atlas of Indian River Hundred, produced in 1868, shows the land left to Noah W.,---- designated as "N. W. Megee" on the map.

Scharf's History of Delaware, Volume II, page 1263, lists Noah W. Megee as a Town Councilman of Milton, in the early 1880s indicating his civic interest in the town where he had resided and created a successful business and living for more than 40 years.

In connection with Milton, Delaware, Scharf's History of Delaware, Vol. II says in part, that by an Act of the State Assembly on February 3, 1807, the village at the head of the Broadkill river was officially named MILTON after the poet of that name. It had earlier been known as Osborne's Landing, Conwell's Landing, Upper Landing, and Broadkiln Landing. In 1960 a review of the records of the 1800 U. S. Census, in the National Capital, for Sussex County, showed the following data, which attracted the writer's attention:

Lewis Town,-----	115 houses,	Georgetown,----	23 houses,
Laurel Town, ----	18 houses,	Dagsborough,---	23 houses,
	Broadkiln Landing	-----	20 houses

Noah W. Megee died 9-11-1883, and his headstone in the Milton M. E. Church Cemetery reads,--- "Aged 68 years". His widow, Lydia H. (Burton) Megee continued to live in Milton with her daughter Mary L.--- also her son William P. D. Megee, until he reached adult age. She reached "Journey's End" March 11, 1916, aged 83 years at Lewes, Delaware. Burial beside her husband at Milton, Delaware.

The children of Noah Wiltbank Megee, will be reported upon individually, (including their descendants) under the heading of FOURTH generation.

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3rd  
Gener- THOMAS P. MEGEE, b. 1816, son of Thomas and Elon  
ation: (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River Hundred. State Archives,  
Dover, Delaware, Vol. 43, p. 251, under Sussex County  
Marriages, shows: "Marriage Bond 5-10-1837, for Thomas  
P. Megee and Lydia W. Hudson."

The U. S. Census records for 1850, Indian River Hun-  
dred carries this item:

"Thomas P. Megee	----	age 35,	House carpenter
Lydia W.	"	32,	(Wife)
Mary E.	"	12,	Dau."

The Census for 1870 reads:

"Thomas P. Megee,	age 54,	Wheelwright,	Dedar Creek Hundred
Lydia W.	"	52,	wife"

U. S. Census for 1880:

"Thomas P. McGee,	age 65,	Millwright,	Cedar Creek Hundred
Lydia	"	62,	Wife"

The daughter Mary E., aged 12 at the time of the 1850  
Census had probably married prior to the 1860 and 1870  
Census check.

A good carpenter, millwright and wheelwright was much  
in demand during the period of said Thomas P's lifespan.  
His father's Will of 1857 bequeathed certain described  
acreage to Thomas P. for the duration of his natural life.  
"Unto my son Thomas P. Megee with described boundaries, as  
being a portion of the 'Lands purchased from Ephraim  
Joseph.'"

No further record of Thomas P. and his wife Lydia W.  
(Hudson) Megee after the 1880 U. S. Census report. Sussex  
County records of estate settlements, would doubtless  
develop date of death, and perhaps the Bureau of Vital  
Statistics at Dover, might have a record of his death and  
burial, which might name his daughter (married name) as  
next of kin.

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Gener-  
ation: Peter Megee, b. 1818, based upon the U. S. Census records of 1850. He was a son of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River Hundred. The State Archives at Dover, Delaware, under Sussex County records, Vol. 45, p. 4, shows:--- "Peter Megee and Bridgate Pullitt, marriage bond dated 10--16--1840."

The U. S. Census records for 1850, Broadkiln Hundred reads:

"Peter Megee, -----	age 32, Farmer	
Bridgett " , -----	29, Wife--Estm'd birth	1821
Sarah E. " , -----	7, Dau.-- " "	1843
Mary I. " , -----	5, " -- " "	1845
Elizabeth Emily Megee "	2, " -- " "	1848
William Thomas Megee "	2/12ths year " "	1850"

The Researcher who checked the U. S. Census records for 1870 and 1880, for all MEGEES--MAGEES--MCGEES in Sussex County did not locate any PETER Megee, or otherwise spelled; nor anything for William T. the son, who if living would have been around 20 years in 1870, and 30 years in 1880.

The daughters, if living, were probably married prior to the 1870 Census, and somewhat more difficult to trace by their married names.

The genealogist in explorations of Sussex County records and the State Archives at Georgetown and Dover, Delaware, respectively did not run across any trace of said Peter Megee, nor of his wife Bridgett.

The Will of Thomas Megee, b. 1786 and d. 1857, specifically provided under Item 8:--- "I give and bequeath unto my son Peter Megee the sum of ---("X") dollars to be paid by my Executor, to him, his heirs or assigns."

Under another Item in the same Will dated June 1857, an acreage of land was left conditionally, --- "To my grandson, William Thomas Magee, a son of Peter Megee, to him, his heirs and assigns forever." Certainly when the Will was drawn, the grandson named, aged about 7 years must have been living, and with life expectancy for the future.

By the same token, the bequeathing of {"X"} dollars to--- "My son Peter to be paid him by my Executor, or to his heirs and assigns" was surely predicated on said Peter being alive at that time, (Will drawn in early June, and the said Testator died in August 1857.)

While no great effort has been expended, there has been no additional mention found of Peter Megee, his wife Bridgett, nor of any of the four children listed in the 1850 Census, in the routine research for material for this PROJECT.



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Gener-  
ation:

Peter Megee (Continued)

Were the writer a younger person, even though the development of records would add little to the overall study, it would offer a definite challenge, for further exploration.

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Gener-  
ation: Elizabeth P. Megee, b. 1823, based upon Headstone record and the U. S. Census records, a daughter of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River Hundred. "State Archives, in Dover, Delaware, under Sussex County marriages, Vol. 45, p. 139, --- Bond 1-20-1844, --- Isaac Simpler and Elizabeth P. Megee."

The 1850 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred lists:

"Isaac Simpler, ----- age 26, Farmer, owner of Real Estate  
Elizabeth       ", -----       "   26, (Wife)  
Mary E. P.       ", -----       "    2, Dau. Estm'd birth year 1848  
Eliza J. Hunter -----       "    7 Months,       "       "       "       1850"

The 1860 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred, page 92:

"Isaac Simpler, ---- age 37, Farmer--Miller, R.E. Owner  
Elizabeth       ", ----       "   37, (Wife)  
Mary E. P.       ", ----       "   12, Dau.  
Rhoda A.       ", ----       "    9, Dau. { Estm'd birth year 1851 }  
Charles H.       ", ----       "    7, Son {       "       "       "       1853 }  
George S.       ", ----       "    3,       " {       "       "       "       1857 }  
William W.       ", ----       "    2,       " {       "       "       "       1858 }"

The 1870 U. S. Record, Sussex County, page 339 reads:

"Isaac Simpler, ---- age 46, Farmer and Real Estate Owner  
Elizabeth       ", ----       "   46, (Wife)  
Rhoda A.       ", ----       "   18,  
Charles H.       ", ----       "   16,  
George S.       ", ----       "   14,  
William W.       ", ----       "   13,  
Amanda       ", ----       "    9, { Estm'd birth---year---1861 }  
Ella S.       ", ----       "    5, {       "       "       "       1865 }"

NOTE---Eliza J. Hunter Simpler, listed on the 1850 Census apparently died at a young age, in view of no subsequent record. Mary E. P. Simpler, b. 1848, was reported as 12 years old in 1860, and it is entirely probable that she was married prior to the 1870 Census.

The Will of Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. 1857, specifically mentions, ---- "To my two grandsons Charles H. and George S. Simpler, sons of Isaac Simpler and his wife, Elizabeth (Megee) Simpler,"---a certain area of land, a farm under the conditions named.---Under Item NINE, he said,--- "I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth (Megee) Simpler, the sum of "X" dollars, to her heirs or assigns to be paid by my Executor."

The above references to the Will of Thomas Megee are cited as proof of relationships, also the fact that in June 1857, when the Will was drawn, that Elizabeth and her husband, Isaac Simpler had two sons, and confirmation of their names as listed on the U. S. Census records for 1860 and 1870.





3rd                    Scharf's History of Delaware, 1609----1888, in the  
Gener-                Appendix to Vol. I, titled, --- "Roster of Delaware  
ation:                Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion"---shows under  
Sixth Regiment Infantry, Volunteers, Company "B", Capt.  
William T. Warrington, the name of Isaac Simpler, Private,  
mustered out of service, Wilmington, Delaware, August 23,  
1863."

Isaac Simpler, son of James Simpler of the Spring-  
field Cross -roads and Zoar area, of Indian River Hundred,  
was born 12-25-1822. He was married 1-20-1844, and died  
7-7-1874, aged about 51½ years.

His widow Elizabeth (Megee) Simpler continued to re-  
side in the home area, until she reached "Journey's End"  
1-19-1894, aged 70 years and five months. Both were buried  
in the Thomas Megee family burial ground, and each has a  
headstone, from which the above statistics were copied by  
the writer.

Further references to their children will be made  
under the FOURTH generation and descendants.

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3rd                    LEVIN JAMES MEGEE, b. 1825, a son of Thomas and Elon  
Gener-    (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River Hundred. One of eight  
ation:    adult children.

The Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, shows:---"Marriage bond dated 2-5-1847, for Levin J. Megee and Mary Ann Johnson." Their children:

4th                    The Obituary Book, State Archives, Dover, Delaware,  
Gener-    reads---"2-4-1848, child of Levin Megee, aged three weeks.  
ation:    Their second child, Ann E. presumably born in the first  
         half of 1849, as evidenced by the U. S. Census record of  
         1850:

"Levin J. Megee, ----age 25, Farmer, Indian River Hundred  
Mary A.                , ----" 22, Wife  
Ann E.                " , ----" 1 yr.--Dau."

Mary Ann (Johnson) Megee died 11-20-1850. Burial in the Thomas Megee Family plot, about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads. The headstone shows her age.

LEVIN J's second marriage is shown in the Marriage File of the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, as ---"Levin J. Megee, and Eliza Davidson, 12-24-1851, by Rev. J. R. Torbert." --- The Minister was located at Georgetown and probably served St. John's and Zoar Circuit Churches.

The second wife died 11-26-1852. She left a daughter of about 17 days old, named Eliza A. Megee. The deceased wife was buried beside the first wife, in the Thomas Megee Family burying ground, and the headstone shows her age as 28 years.

LEVIN J. was married a third time as evidenced by the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, at Dover, Delaware,--"Levin J. Megee and Mary E. Pride, 5-11-1853, by Rev. C.H. Mustart." Her headstone shows her birth as 1831, which checks out with the U. S. Census records of 1870 and 1880.

"Levin J. Megee, age 45, Farmer	"Levin J. Megee, age 55
Mary E.                " ,        " 38, Wife	Mary E.                " ,        " 49
George E.             " ,        " 15, Son	William J.            " ,        " 23
William J.            " ,        " 14, "	Mary E.                " ,        " 22
Mary E.                " ,        " 13, Dau.	Theodore M.          " ,        " 20
Theodore M.          " ,        " 12, Son	Charles                " ,        " 18
Charles                " ,        " 6, "	Ella                    " ,        " 13
Ella                    " ,        " 2, Dau.	Noah W.                " ,        " 9
Noah W. -----	Lydia                    " ,        " 6
Lydia -----	Edward                " ,        " 7 Mos.
Edward -----	

George E. Megee        " 25  
Georgieanna (Wife)    " 22"





3rd                    During a call made on Noah W. (b. 1872) at his home  
Gener-                on the edge of Pocomoke City, Maryland in August, 1959,  
ation:                with respect to the Family Tree Project, he said that his  
                      mother, Mary E. (Pride) Megee was known as Elizabeth, and  
                      that she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Pride  
                      of the Sand Hill area, (between Georgetown and Milton,  
                      Delaware.)

                      Noah W. said that his father and mother, for a  
                      period after their marriage, lived in the Sand Hill area  
                      where Levin J. reported the cutting of a tract of white  
                      oak timber, jointly owned by himself and his brother Noah  
                      W. (b. 1814), the Shipbuilder of Milton, Delaware. The  
                      timber was used by the latter in his shipbuilding oper-  
                      ations.

                      Noah W. II, (b. 1872), further reported that in 1883,  
                      his father Levin J. and wife, Elizabeth (Pride) Megee  
                      moved from the Georgetown area of Delaware to Somerset  
                      County, Maryland, in the district between Princess Anne  
                      and Pocomoke, possibly somewhat nearer the latter town.  
                      They continued to live in lower Somerset County until  
                      they reached "Journey's End" in 1898, approximately 73 and  
                      67 years respectively. They were buried in Quinton Ceme-  
                      tery, in the County in which they had resided for some 15  
                      years. The location of this Cemetery is understood to  
                      be between Westover and Pocomoke City, Maryland.

LEVIN J. MEGEE, and his three wives had twelve (12)  
                      children, of whom 11 reached adult age. Ten (10) were  
                      married and had a collective total of 60 children----  
                      (grandchildren to Levin J.), and of this total (60), there  
                      were 51 who reached adult age.

4th                    The ELEVEN (11) children who reached adult age, will  
Gener-                be reported upon individually, under FOURTH GENERATION,  
ation:                and their descendants.

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3rd                    WILLIAM THOMAS MEGEE, (known as William and as Billy)  
 Gener-                was born in 1827 or 1828, based upon the U. S. Census  
 ation:                records of 1850, 1870 and 1880. He was a son of Thomas  
                       and Elon (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex  
                       County. The County records show in Vol. 74, p. 26----  
                       "Marriage bond for William T. Megee and Rhoda S. Palmer,  
                       9-24-1848."

The 1850 U. S. Census records list William T. and Rhoda S. Megee, living in the household of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, and the age of each was shown as 23 years.

The 1870 Census for Indian River Hundred lists:

"William T. Megee -----age 42, Farmer-Owner of Real Estate  
       Rhoda S.                -----" 42, (Wife)  
       Charles H.            -----" 4, Son (birth about 1866)"

The 1880 Census records for Indian River Hundred lists:

"William T. Megee, ----- age 52, Farmer-Real Estate Owner  
       Rhoda S.                -----" 52, (Wife)  
       Charles H.            -----" 14, Son

The Will of Thomas Megee, dated June 1857, reads in part---"Unto my son William T. Megee, all the land purchased from William Atkins and Patience Walls that is situate, lying and being on the Northeast side of the County road leading from Springfield Cross-roads to the Mill commonly called Spicer's Mill, but now of John W. Megee."

(The son Charles H. died in 1888, and will be covered in some further detail, under FOURTH generation)

Rhoda S. (Palmer) Megee, based upon the Census records above named, was apparently born approximately the same year and possibly the same month, as was her husband, William T. Megee. The said Rhoda S. Megee, died in February 1889, not too long following the passing of their son.

William T., following the loss of his wife, continued to live alone, in the immediate neighborhood of Zoar Cross-roads and Church, in fact in the same general vicinity, as where born, reared and lived throughout his life. The 1870 Census data indicated comfortable circumstances, probably included the land which he inherited from his father. He used to stop periodically to see the writer's father and mother, on the Captain William H. Megee farm, about one mile North of Harbeson, enroute to and from Milton, Delaware. These visits were in the period of 1895 to 1903.

He was one of the witnesses to an application by his oldest brother, John W. Megee for a pension in 1890. The latter served in the Sixth Delaware Regiment, in the War between the States.





3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

William Thomas Megee (Continued)

William Thomas Megee, the last known survivor of the eight adult children of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, reached "Journey's End" in December 1905. Letters were granted to William A. Faucett, of Georgetown, as the Administrator, on December 26, 1905. It is believed that he was buried in the Thomas Megee family burying ground but there is no headstone.

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

MARY MEGEE, b. in year 1829, based upon U. S. Census reports for 1850 and 1870. She was the youngest of eight adult children of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, of the Zoar area of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

The Will of Thomas Megee, dated in June 1857 and probated in August of the same year, under Item two, reads in part:---"Unto my daughter Mary Megee, all of the following lands, to wit;---" (minute description of lands, boundaries, with buildings and improvements thereon)---"Being the farm on which I now reside to her during her natural life and at her decease to her son David Cornelius to him his heirs and assigns forever."

The marriage records of Sussex County, Delaware, show that James B. Simpler, and Mary Megee, were married in October 1857, some two months after the passing of her father, in August 1857.

The U. S. Census records of 1850, Indian River Hundred list Mary at home with her parents, age 21. The Census records of 1870 show:

"James B. Simpler,	age 45,	Farmer	
Mary (Megee) "	" 41,	(Wife)	
George M. "	" 8,	Son--	(Est'md birth in 1862)
***Theodore W. "	" 18,	"	(by his first marriage)
David C. Megee ,	" 21,	Carpenter	

NOTE: Symbol \*\*\* prefix for Theodore W. Simpler; This son was born about 1852, unto James B. and his first wife, Arena (Simpler). She died about 1855.

The Thomas Megee "home farm" on which he resided in 1857, was on the East side of the public highway, Millsboro to St. John's Church and Cross-roads, about one half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads and church. It had been in the possession of Thomas and wife, for at least 25 years, and possibly longer.

Sussex County Deed BK.-113, p. 530, 12-11-1890,-----  
"David C. Magee and wife Louise E. of Georgetown, and Mary Simpler, (formerly Megee) and husband James B. Simpler, of





3rd Indian River Hundred, to Joseph T. Adams, of Georgetown,  
 Gener- land in Indian River Hundred containing 2 and 8/10ths  
 ation: acres." As of this date said Mary (Megee) Simpler was  
 between 61 and 62 years old, and her husband James B.  
 Simpler about 65 years old.

It is believed that Mary (Megee) Simpler died in 1891, however, the genealogist was unable to locate any County or State records which specifically so states. The Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dover, Delaware, shows a death certificate for James B. Simpler, naming 2-15-1892, date that he reached "Journey's End", and it shows him as a widower. Therefore, said Mary, his wife, must have been "Summoned Home", between December 12, 1890, and February 14, 1892, a period of approximately 14 months.

They are reported to have been buried within the enclosed iron fence, in one corner (the Northwest), of the Thomas Megee family burial ground. There are no headstones for them. NOTE: This burial ground was deeded by Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, to their eight children in 1853, as recorded, at the Court House in Georgetown, Delaware, and presumably was a corner plot, from the original home farm.

David Cornelius Megee and George M. Simpler ---  
 See FOURTH generation.

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and  
Their Descendants

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### Fourth Generation and Descendants

1st                    JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, Indian River Hundred, Sussex  
Gener-                    County, Delaware. Their eight adult children:  
ation:

2nd                    Rebecca----William----Peter----John Jr.----  
Gener-                    Anna----Thomas----Elizabeth----Moses, b. 1789.  
ation:

3rd                    MOSES MEGEE, b. 1819, son of WILLIAM (1st m.) and  
Gener-                    Sarah (Ennis) Megee. Said Moses and Mary Caroline  
ation:                    (Salmans) Megee, had eleven adult children:

4th                    JOHN ROBERT MEGEE, b. 1-17-1847, son of Moses and  
Gener-                    Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, in the Zoar area of Indian  
ation:                    River Hundred. He married (1st m.) Lydia Ann Carpenter,  
daughter of Benton Carpenter and wife of near Harbeson,  
Delaware. They were married July 15, 1877. Their  
children:

5th                    Clarence C. Megee, b. 1-18-1879  
Gener-                    Blanche                    "                    , b. 11-3-1881  
ation:

Lydia Ann (Carpenter) Megee died 7-8-1888 and was  
buried in Milton M. E. Church cemetery.

Captain John R. was married a second time, October  
15, 1889, his wife being Adella Burrows, b. late 1856,  
daughter of Captain Eli and Mahala Burrows, of Milton,  
Delaware. By this marriage there were:

5th                    Three children, two of whom died in infancy.  
Gener-                    The third one, Frank R. Megee, b. 12-17-1900.  
ation:

John R. Megee enlisted in the Delaware Regiment at  
an early age and served until mustered out on 6-3-1865.  
(See Scharf's History of Delaware, Appendix Volume I--  
"Roster of Delaware Volunteers in the War of the  
Rebellion,"----under Company "D", page XV.

He returned to the family home in Milton, and shortly  
thereafter became a seafaring man. He progressed and  
was a Master Mariner at a comparatively early age. In  
his maturity, his height, weight and beard gave him a  
reported very good likeness of his father, Moses.

In late 1958, Miss Sarah Atkins of Milton, with pen,  
copied some twenty pages of selected items, practically all  
of which were related to MARINE news, from the Milton  
Weekly News Letters, in the MILFORD CHRONICLE, covering  
the period of the mid-1890s, by the Milton correspondent,  
George Washington Atkins, (his weekly signature for many  
years being G.W.A.). These several hand copied pages were  
sent to Captain T. Clarke Conwell, in San Francisco,  
California.





5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Early in January 1959, Captain Conwell was good enough to have the penned pages typed and a reproduction was transmitted to each of,--two brothers, four uncles, and four cousins, (the writer being included in the last named group). With permission of Captain Conwell, (see Capt. William Henry Megee for a summary of him) a few of these selected items concerning the several sea Captains of the Megee family will be quoted.

From the Milford Chronicle (Milton News Items) of 1895----"Captain John R. Megee of the schooner, GEORGE TAULANE JR., has been with his family for a week. NOTE: by writer: Captain Conwell advises the---GEORGE TAULANE Jr., was built in the Milton Shipyard of David H. Atkins in 1882.

From the Milford Chronicle (Milton News) in 1896,--"Captain John R. Megee of the 750 ton schooner MARY H. BROCKWAY, after a tedious run of 34 days from Demerara, S. A., arrived at New York April 3; chartered from New York with bricks for Jacksonville, Florida, then lumber to Demerara, and with sugar home. Captain Megee and other associated owners gave \$20,000 for this ship. This was her trial trip. The Captain has been resting since his vessel, the EMMA J. MEYER, was lost under command of Captain John Oliver 15 months ago."

NOTE: Captain Conwell advises,---"The EMMA J. MEYER was built at Milton in 1884 by David H. Atkins. She sailed from Charleston, S. C., January 24, 1895 and was never heard from afterward. Wreckage of this vessel was sighted in May 1895, at a position 560 miles East of Cape Henlopen."

From the Milford Chronicle later in 1896, (Milton News)---"On the palatial 750 ton schooner MARY H. BROCKWAY, Mrs. Della Megee and daughter Blanche are making a voyage for health and pleasure, with her husband, Capt. John R. Megee, who is Master and part owner of this fine vessel. They sailed from New York."

Among the vessels commanded by Captain John R. Megee, which were built at Milton (supplied by Captain T. Clarke Conwell) were:

The JOHN JOHNSON-----EMMA J. MEYER-----  
GEORGE TAULANE JR.-----MARIE THOMAS-----

Captain John R. retired in the early 'teens of this century. However, due to the scarcity of qualified first mates, he offered his services and was accepted by his nephew, Captain Walter Burton Megee (known as Burt), and made several trips in Coastwise and Gulf trade, during the period immediately prior to the U. S. Declaration of War, in the Spring of 1917.





5th                    Captain John was a member of Goshen M. E. Church;  
Gener-                also a member of Endeavor Lodge, AF&AM, Milton, Dela-  
ation:                ware, from 1873 until he reached "Journey's End" May  
27, 1920, aged 73 years.

His widow continued to live at the family residence in Milton until "Summoned Home" on August 3, 1928, aged 71 years and eight months. Both were buried in Milton M. E. Church cemetery.

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5th                    CLARENCE C. MEGEE, b. 1-18-1879, son of Captain  
Gener-                John R. Megee and his wife, Lydia Ann (Carpenter) Megee,  
ation:                of Milton, Delaware. He became a seaman at an early  
age. He sailed with his father on a schooner but later  
decided to go into steam vessels. He received his  
Master's license at a comparatively early age for un-  
limited waters and unlimited tonnage, which he held until  
his death.

He married Mary Margaret Dietrich, b. in Philadelphia, 1-5-1883. They were married in Elizabeth, New Jersey, September 5, 1900. Their eight children:

Clarence C. Jr.----Beatrice----Russell----Myrtle----  
Lester----Ruth----Hazel----and Blanche.

Five died in infancy or very young. Ruth reached the age of about six. The two reaching adult age were:

6th                    Russell J., b. 3-6-1904 in Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener-                Blanche,        b. 11-27-1911, in Elizabeth, N. J.  
ation:

Captain Clarence C. and family moved from Philadelphia, to Elizabeth, N. J., where Blanche was born, and in 1913 they moved to Staten Island, N. Y. During World War I, he was commissioned a Lieut. Commander of a submarine chaser, and was honorably discharged in late 1918.

He was Captain of a Steam Lighter sailing out of New York by the name of ELLA owned by the Rodgers Lighterage Company, West Street, New York City, at the time of his drowning, December 26, 1918, aged 39 years and eleven months. The drowning took place off Robin's Reef Light House, lower New York Bay. His body was never recovered.

His widow, Mary Margaret (Dietrich) Megee, with the two children continued to live at Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York until she was "Called Home" April 3, 1952, aged 70 years and three months.

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6th                    Russell J. Megee, b. 3-6-1904, son of Captain Clarence  
Gener-                    C. and Mary M. (Dietrich) Megee, was married 8-12-1935, at  
ation:                    Bayonne, New Jersey, to Susan Wengel, b. 8-29-1906, in the  
                         city where they were married. They had no children.

Russell started to work at a very youthful age as an employee at Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, and for the past several years has been assistant to Director-Superintendent of that Nationally known Institution. He was commissioned by Mayor LaGuardia, as a Captain of the Patrol Corps, in Company "A", Staten Island, during World War II.

Russell is an avid amateur photographer, and in 1960 sent the writer a copy of Sailors' Snug Harbor periodic publication, which had used one of his (Russell's) colored photos of that great institution, as a front cover of that issue. His wife's hobby is china painting, and she has completed some excellent work. No children.

NOTE: Since writing the above summary of Russell J. and wife, during the first half of 1961, the following loss has occurred: Susan (Wengel) Megee, was "Summoned Home" on September 20, 1961, aged 55 years. Services and interment on Staten Island, Saturday, September 23. A wonderful wife, and a fine lady. The writer had the privilege of meeting and "Breaking bread" with Mary M. (Dietrich) Megee, Russell and Sue; and daughter Blanche, in New York City, one evening in the early post-War II period. A very closely knit family, with whom exchanges have been maintained for more than 12 or 15 years.

6th                    Blanche Megee, b. 11-27-1911, in Elizabeth, New Jersey,  
Gener-                    daughter of Captain Clarence C. and Mary M. (Dietrich)  
ation:                    Megee. Shortly after leaving High School, she was employed  
                         for many years by Fischer and Brother, music publishers,  
                         of the greater New York metropolitan area. After the loss  
                         of her mother, Blanche was subsequently married on May 6,  
                         1956, in the Chapel of Sailors' Snug Harbor, by Chaplain  
                         W. W. Wood, -- to Ejnir Nielson, b. 3-16-1898 in Assens,  
                         Denmark. No children.

Ejnir is a retired dockmaster for Bethlehem Steel Corporation. His hobby is boat building and sailing. He completed the building of a pleasure boat in 1959, a 21' cabin cruiser, the ELVIRA, which sleeps four, has a galley and all equipment needed for coastwise wanderings, under Captain Nielson.

While the occasion was not a pleasant one, the writer had the privilege of meeting Ejnir, and again seeing Russell J. and his sister Blanche (Megee) Nielson, at Staten Island, September 23, 1961.





5th  
Gener-      Blanche Megee, b. 11-3-1881, in Milton, Delaware,  
ation:      the daughter of Captain John R. and Lydia Ann (Carpenter)  
Megee. She accepted employment at a youthful age in  
Philadelphia, in which city she met, and on June 15, 1904,  
married R. Newton Forman, of the same city. Ceremony by  
Rev. J. R. T. Gray.

R. Newton Forman, b. 6-27-1879, in Philadelphia, son  
of Richard Parks Forman and his wife, Evaline (Sheppard)  
Forman, both born in 1840, ---in Trenton, New Jersey and  
in Monmouth County, New Jersey respectively.

After residing a number of years in Philadelphia, R.  
Newton and his wife, Blanche moved to the nearby suburb  
of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, where they lived for slight-  
ly more than 38 years. Their children:

6th	<u>Richard Newton Forman Jr.</u> , b. 5-20-1908, in Philadelphia, Pa.
Gener-	<u>Elizabeth (Betty)</u> "      b. 2-12-1916,      "      "      "
ation:	Mary Jeannette      "      b. 11-25-1918,      "      "      "

R. Newton Sr., was associated with a large Lumber  
Company, (The Yellow Pine Co.) of Philadelphia, for prac-  
tically all of his business life, up to about 1930, after  
which he was associated with Scott Paper Company in Chester,  
Pennsylvania for approximately 20 years until his retirement.  
The family was active in Community events in Ridley Park.

Cousin Blanche (Megee) Forman was "Summoned Home"  
May 17, 1960, aged 78½ years. Interment at nearby Lans-  
downe, Pennsylvania. The writer had the privilege of ex-  
changes at irregular intervals, over a period of three de-  
cades with Blanche. This couple (Blanche and Newton) had  
the privilege of membership in that rather exclusive group,  
The Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, theirs being cele-  
brated June 15, 1954.

R. Newton was prevailed upon to make his permanent  
address with older daughter Betty in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania  
and divide his time as he may elect among the three children.

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6th	Richard Newton Forman Jr., b. 5-20-1908, in Philadelphia,
Gener-	Pa., was married on 5-31-1931, in Faith Presbyterian Church,
ation:	Baltimore, Maryland, to May Irene Reece, born at Fraziers' Bottom, West Virginia.

He was a mariner, second officer, at the time of  
marriage. Later was Chief Mate, and served as a Captain of  
a Liberty Ship, U. S. Merchant Marine, during World War II.  
His ship, the SS--JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, was torpedoed by  
an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean sea, in the Autumn  
of 1944. He was fortunate in escaping physical injury.





6th Richard Newton Forman Jr. (Continued)

Gener- R. Newton Jr. was married a second time, on 9-1-1948;  
ation: the bride being Ann Jefferson, b. 9-16-1906, in Yorkshire,  
England. For the past several years (as of 1961) they  
have resided at Petersburg, New Jersey. No children by  
either of these marriages.

6th Elizabeth L. Forman, (Betty) b. 2-12-1916, in Phila-  
Gener- delphia, Pennsylvania. She was married in Ridley Park  
ation: M. E. Church, 10-14-1939, to George W. Fiss III, of  
Chalfont, Pennsylvania, b. 8-4-1913 at Easton, Pennsylvania.  
Their children:

7th Betty Jean Fiss, b. 2- 3-1941, in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania  
Gener- Edward George Fiss b. 11-8-1943, " " " "  
ation: Virginia Blanche Fiss, b. 3-17-1947, " " "

George Fiss became associated with the Textile in-  
dustry early in business life, later served as Mill Super-  
intendent and subsequently was made General Manager of  
the Ewing-Thomas Corporation, Chester, Pennsylvania. They  
have resided in Ridley Park since 1941.

P. S. August 5, 1963: It was a great shock to receive  
advice this date that George Fiss had reached "Journey's  
End" on Monday July 29, 1963, aged 50 years, lacking one  
week. He was reported as "apparently in excellent health  
as usual" until a comparatively recent period.

6th Mary Jeannette Forman, b. 11-25-1918, Philadelphia,  
Gener- Pennsylvania. She was married 11-10-1949, to Albert  
ation: Lavan, b. 1-30-1917 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Albert  
has been associated with the American Viscose Company for  
several years, and they moved from Philadelphia to Lewis-  
town, Pennsylvania in 1955, where the Company has a large  
plant operation. Their children:

7th Albert Martin Lavan, b. 5- 7-1952, in Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener- Bruce Richard Lavan, " 6-28-1954, " " "  
ation: Scott Edward Lavan, " 12- 8-1956, " " "

The writer has enjoyed exchanges at irregular intervals  
with this cousin, over the past few years. She has been  
much interested in the information concerning the earlier  
generations of her mother's family.

The Lavans' are active participants in civic and over-  
all Community affairs of Lewistown.





5th                    Frank R. Megee, b. 12-17-1900, in Milton, Delaware,  
Gener- son of Captain John R. Megee and his wife Adella (Burrows)  
ation: Megee. Frank was married in Alexandria, Virginia, 1-1-1922,  
to Lula E. Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks,  
of that city. Their children:

6th                    Evalyn Adel Megee, b. 3- 9-1923, in Baltimore, Maryland  
Gener- Herman Franklin ", b. 8-30-1924, " Virginia  
ation: Winifred Estelle", b. 7-25-1926, " Philadelphia, Pa.  
Marie Elaine ", b. 4-29-1928, " "  
John Raymond ", b. 7- 2-1930, " Milton, Delaware  
Edith Fay ", b. 4-25-1933, " "

Lula E. (Brooks) Megee, b. 5-9-1902 was a wonderful mother, and reared a close knit family. She reached "Journey's End" July 16, 1949 and was buried in Odd Fellows cemetery in Milton, Delaware.

Frank R. served as a seaman, and other vocations. For the past several years (early 1961) he has made Milton, his home port, --- living in the home property left by his father and mother.

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6th                    Evelyn Adel Megee, (known as Evalyn) b. 3-9-1923,  
Gener- married William Forst, b. 9-11-1912 in New York City.  
ation: However, his parents moved to Delaware and located near  
Milton, and Bill has lived in and near that town prac-  
tically all of his life.

William Forst served 44 months in World War II, of which 35 months were spent in the Pacific theatre of Operations. Their children:

7th                    Frances Marie Forst, b. 12-13-1946, in Milton, Delaware  
Gener- David Wayne ", b. 1- 1-1948, " "  
ation:

David Wayne died June 21, 1952, aged about 4½ years, as result of an accident in Milton, Delaware. Evelyn and William reside on North Union Street extended, North Milton. She has been very helpful in supplying data for herself and William, also for her sisters and brothers.

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6th                    Herman Franklin Megee, b. 8-30-1924, was married in  
Gener- Salisbury, Maryland, December 26, 1957, to Frances LeMana.  
ation: He served in the Merchant Marines for 19 years, (1940-1959).  
As of late 1960, he was employed by the duPont Company,  
and they resided in Highland Gardens, Chester, Pennsylvania.  
No children as of 1960.

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6th                    Winifred Estelle Megee, b. 7-25-1926, was married to  
Gener-   Morris Parkhill, on 5-16-1952 in Goshen Methodist Church,  
ation:   Milton, Delaware. Their children:

7th                    Philip, born 2-18-1954, Milford Memorial Hospital  
Gener-   Mark,                    "                    5-23-1958,                    "                    "  
ation:

They reside in Milton where Morris is engaged in business.

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6th                    Marie Elaine Megee, b. 4-29-1928, was married in  
Gener-   Asbury Methodist Church, Salisbury, Maryland, December  
ation:   31, 1958 to Nicholas Caramalis, born in New York City. He  
is currently (late 1960) a Captain in the U. S. Air Force,  
and expects to make a career of that branch of the Mili-  
tary service. They were living in Japan in 1960, where  
he was stationed. Their issue, as of late 1960:

7th                    A son, John Caramalis, b. in Japan, March 31, 1960.  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    John Raymond Megee, b. 7-22-1930, was married in Salis-  
Gener-   bury, Maryland to Elizabeth Joan Hill. Their children:  
ation:

7th                    John R. Jr., b. 11-25-1950  
Gener-   Sharon Lee, b. 6-7-1952, ----- died 9-12-1952  
ation:

They reside in Milton, where John Raymond Sr. is employed.

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6th                    Edith Fay Megee, b. 4-25-1933, was married in the  
Gener-   Methodist Church at Pittsville, Maryland, to John A.  
ation:   Ellingsworth. Their children:

7th                    Marie Elaine, b. 10-3-1952 of an earlier marriage, but  
Gener-   adopted by John A. Ellingsworth, after their marriage.  
ation:

7th                    John Allen Ellingsworth, Jr., b. 3-15-1959  
Gener-

ation:   They reside in Georgetown, Delaware, where John A.  
is employed.

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4th                    WILLIAM HENRY MEGEE, b. 7-26-1848, in the Zoar area  
 Gener- of Indian River Hundred, son of Moses and Mary C.  
 ation: (Salmans) Megee. He married Louella Young 8-4-1874,  
 (Cont'd) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, of Smyrna, Delaware.  
 She was born 4-23-1854 and they were married by Rev.  
 George Phoebus, of the Methodist Church, in Smyrna, Dela.  
 Their children:

5th                    Mary C. Megee, ----- b. 4-5-1876,--(died in infancy)  
 Gener- William H. Jr. ----- b. 9-26-1877  
 ation: John Howard ----- b.10-2-1879  
 Mary Elizabeth ----- b. 3-30-1881  
 Walter Burton ----- b.12-27-1883  
 Ralph Davidson ----- b. 5-16-1885  
 Lloyd Creamer ----- b.10-11-1890  
 Robert Lincoln ----- b. 4-17-1896

William Henry enlisted in the Union Army at an early age, and according to Scharf's History of Delaware, (1609-1888), Vol. I, --- "Appendix, Roster of Delaware Volunteers, in the War of the Rebellion," -- he was mustered out of service, Company "D", on June 3, 1865.

Shortly after return home in Milton, he became a seafaring man, where his abilities were recognized, and a few days before his 25th birthday, he assumed command of the Milton-built schooner, JOHN JOHNSON.

Captain T. Clarke Conwell, grandson of Captain William H. Megee, as earlier stated, has made an extensive research of vessels built upon the banks of the Broadkill river, and of vessels commanded by the Megees. He has determined that "the JOHN JOHNSON was built at Milton in late 1865, the vessel being enrolled at Philadelphia Customs on February 21, 1866. Noah W. Megee, a prominent shipbuilder of Milton was recorded as a 4/16ths owner which indicates that he probably was the builder of the JOHNSON."

"This schooner, the JOHN JOHNSON, became a 'training ship' for Megees. Captain William Henry was succeeded in command by his brothers, John Robert and Theodore Burton. These three brothers commanded the JOHNSON from July 7, 1873 through December 17, 1884, eleven and one-half years. One by one they moved on to command larger vessels. The JOHNSON continued trading along the Atlantic Coast until the night of February 19, 1898, when on a voyage from Norfolk to New York, she became water-logged, was abandoned, and then drifted ashore, and was wrecked at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey,---Milton-built vessels were unusually durable, the JOHNSON lasted to within a few hours of being 32 years old."





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ation: "Captain William H. continued to command ships and was a substantial stock holder in such vessels. In 1890 he had a four mast schooner, the ARTHUR McARDLE built at Camden, New Jersey. His first voyage, (ond on this voyage he took his whole family, except the two oldest sons, who remained at home to attend school)--in the new schooner, was from Brunswick, Georgia, to Buenos Aires, with a cargo of yellow pine lumber. After discharging cargo, he sailed up the Rio de la Plate to Rosario, Argentine, and loaded a cargo of hides for New York."

In 1881 Captain William H. purchased a farm from John S. and Sallie Holland, which was conveyed to William H. and his wife, Louella (Young) Megee, 5-21-1881; Sussex County Deed Record 94, p. 242. This farm is located on the West side of the public road, from Harbeson to Milton, about one mile North of Harbeson. Captain "Will" is reported to have told his father and mother,---"This farm-house and land is to be your home as long as either, or both of you are living." This quoted information was given the writer by Sidney A. Jarvis, (b. 1837---d. 1928) in some verbal reminiscences around 1915. His wife, was Margaret Ann (Megee) Jarvis, b. 1856----d. 1902, and a sister of Captain William H.

The farm was conveyed by Captain "Will" and his wife, Louella, to his son J. Howard Megee, October 17, 1907; Sussex Deed Record, p. 596. It was inherited by Lillie J. (Robbins) Megee, widow of J. Howard, (Will Book No. 34, p. 330.) It was later conveyed by Lillie J. Megee, to John E. and Mildred M. Martin, September 25, 1945, Deed Record 354, p. 498. A total ownership of slightly more than 64 years by Captain William H., his son J. Howard and the latter's widow.

The earlier record of this farm of 107 acres and 84 perches more or less, shows that it was conveyed by Robert Reynolds, Sheriff of Sussex County, September 4, 1837, Deed Record 44, p. 322, to George Sherman. This deed covered a portion of several tracts of land owned principally by one, Arthur Milby, in Broadkilm Hundred, which contained no description adequate to identify the herin named particular tract involved.

Captain William H. and family resided in Milton, Delaware, from 1874 to 1898. To the writer as a youngster it was an event, every few years, at a re-union of children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, to hear Captains John R. William H., Theodore B., George E., and Caleb R., of Galveston, Texas, (the last named on two occasions only) reminisce concerning some of their sailing experiences.

In the late 1890s, after some 30 years as a mariner, of which close to 25 years he commanded vessels and never lost a ship, he retired from active sailing. With Captain J. Alton Mitchell, the firm of Mitchell and Megee, Ship Brokers and Agents, 136 Walnut Street, Philadelphia was





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organized. The family moved from Milton to Philadelphia for their future residence.

Captain "Will" was an active member of the M. E. Church at Milton and later of a church of the same denomination in Philadelphia; Active in Civic affairs; Also a member of Endeavor Lodge No. 17, AF&AM, Milton, from early 1871. He reached "Journey's End" on relatively short notice, November 21, 1909, aged about 61 years and four months. Interment in the M. E. Church Cemetery at Milton, Delaware.

The 43rd Street Methodist Church, Philadelphia, in its bi-monthly publication, --- "The VISITOR", Vol. VI, December 1909 carried almost a full page, accompanied by a photo of--- "The late Captain William H. Megee." ----- "Between the coming and going of that life is a wonderful history. Born of Godly parents, to whom he gave reverence of the highest type. ----- His mother's life seemed to be the one magnet on which he fastened his gaze ----- 'My mother's religion was the right kind' ----- It was assertive, rejoicing, and a hymn of praise."

The Pastor of the 43rd Street Methodist Church in a personal message in the "VISITOR" paid a great tribute; The Milton, (Delaware), TIMES of January 6, 1910, used two full columns, accompanied by photo, quoting remarks from Business and Church Associates, of Milton and Philadelphia.

Captain "Will's" widow, Louella (Young) Megee returned to Milton, to live in a new home erected in North Milton on North Union Street, near Odd Fellow Cemetery. She moved back to Philadelphia about 1924, and resided there until "Summoned Home" April 18, 1932, aged about 78 years. Interment beside her husband in Milton M. E. Church Cemetery.

Mention has been made earlier concerning some 20 pages of selected items from the Milton weekly news letters, to the Milford CHRONICLE, during the middle 1890s. These items were copied with pen from the old issues of the paper, and included personalized Marine doings, relating to the many sea Captains from the Milton area. They were furnished by Miss Sarah Atkins to Captain T. Clarke Conwell of San Francisco, in late 1958. The following items are being quoted as being apropos here:

From a Milton News Letter, of either 1893 or 1894, apparently about August:

"Captains William H. and John R. Megee were home with their families this week. The two Captains spent a delightful day at Zoar Camp on Sunday, where Captain George E. Megee has a cottage, These three brothers are great patrons of this old fashioned Camp meeting."





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Note by writer: For many years one or more Sundays at Zoar Camp was a "Must" not only for the Captains named but, for other children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. For many years on a rotated schedule, one or more members, --- including those named, plus Captain Theodore B. Megee and Mrs. Margaret Ann (Megee) Jarvis, sponsored a cottage at that hallowed location. The cottage was almost directly back of the Tabernacle pulpit.

The late William T. Hurdle, a prominent farmer of the Hollyville area, Indian River Hundred, occupied the adjoining cottage on the South side. As currently recalled, there were about 60 cottages in the oval like circle, in the grove of oak trees adjacent to Zoar Methodist Church. A large so-called Boarding house or cottage, for the visiting Ministers, which also served meals to the public on a limited basis, was located in the Northwest turn of the Oval-Circle. A large "Fenced pound" was diagonally across the road from the Boarding house cottage at the junction of the Cross roads in a grove of oak and pine woods, where horses and carriages could be parked for the day or the evening at a modest charge. The Tabernacle, roofed, but otherwise open on all sides, was equipped longitudinally with benches. Services were held twice daily during the annual two weeks of meetings, usually in August of each year. This represents a very sketchy outline of Zoar Camp in the 1890s and very early 1900s, before the advent of the automobile.

A very heavy attendance was the rule at Zoar. Oh yes, there were firestands, located strategically, but not too numerous, in the Central oval circle, sufficiently removed from the Tabernacle and cottages---carefully watched--- which were lighted in the evenings, the fuel being seasoned pine wood.

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Adult Children  
of  
Captain William Henry and Louella (Young) Megee

5th                William H. Megee Jr., b. 9-26-1877, at Milton Dela-  
Gener- ware. He married Marian Fay Blood of Philadelphia on  
ation: February 22, 1907.

He was married a second time on May 9, 1924, the bride being Emily P. Fox, (Nee Emily P. Johnson) born in Philadelphia, 6-5-1878. They resided for many years on Cynwyd Road, in Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, (main line suburb of Philadelphia).

William H. Jr., attended the University of Delaware and was engaged in timber business in Philadelphia. He later moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where he was associated with Conwell & Company, in the same line of business. In 1923 he returned to Philadelphia joining the firm of MEGEE BROTHERS, Ship Brokers and Agents. Upon the dissolution of this firm in 1938, he re-entered the timber business.

In returning from a business trip to Cambridge, Maryland, and vicinity, he encountered a severe snow storm, near State Road, Delaware. His automobile ran off the edge of the highway, which resulted in his death, January 13, 1945. Burial at Old St. David's Cemetery, Devon, Pennsylvania, aged about 67 years and four months.

His widow, Emily P. (Johnson) Fox, Megee continued to reside at the Bala-Cynwyd home, doing much travelling until her death 6-19-1956, approximately 78 years old. Burial beside her late husband, Old St. David's Cemetery.

William H. Jr., had no children by either of the two marriages.

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5th                John Howard Megee, b. 10-2-1879, (known as J. Howard)  
Gener- at Milton. He married Lillie J. Robbins, daughter of Mr.  
ation: and Mrs. William J. Robbins, of Milton, Delaware. They  
were married 2-16-1901 by Rev. W. J. Duhadway, of Goshen  
Methodist Church, in their hometown. Their issue:

6th                Howard William Megee, b. 2-14-1902, at Milton, Dela.

Gener- J. Howard started as a "Waterman" early in life in  
ation: tug boats at the age of about 16½ years. He advanced to  
Engineer and then served as Chief Engineer in several ocean-  
going tugs, advancing to the position of Superintendent of  
Marine Equipment for a large contracting corporation.  
Following his retirement in the mid-20s, he continued to  
reside in Wilmington, Delaware until "summoned home",  
September 21, 1941. Interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery,  
Milton, Delaware.





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John Howard Megee, continued.

As earlier stated herein, Captain William H. Megee Sr. and his son J. Howard owned the Megee farm, on the Harbeson to Milton public highway, for a total of 64 years, divided about 26 years and 38 years respectively. Howard's widow, Lillie J. (Robbins) Megee sold the farm to John E. and Mildred M. Martin, September 25, 1945.

During a vacation by the writer and wife, at Ocean City, Maryland, in July 1959, a watch of the inbound and outbound fishing boats was being maintained one afternoon, at the Inlet, connecting the Ocean and Sinepuxent Bay. A conversation was initiated with a Resort patrolman who had stopped to watch some of the boats. Developed that both of us were members of the same overall Fraternal Society; After an exchange of cards, the Patrolman said "The only person I ever knew who spelled his name as M-e-g-e-e, was a retired Chief Engineer of a Tugboat, who lived next door to me in Wilmington, Delaware, when I was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad."

The writer's reply was, -----"That was J. Howard Megee, his wife was Lillie (Robbins) Megee, and they had a son. Their native home was Milton, Delaware, and he was a first cousin." In reply to his inquiry, advised him of the current location of Lillie J. and her son and daughter-in-law. Was informed that following his retirement on the Pennsylvania Railroad, that he and his wife acquired an all year round home at Ocean City, Maryland, and that during the summer season he worked as a City patrolman.-----"Small World, eh?"

Mrs. Lillie J. (Robbins) Megee reached "Journey's End" February 6, 1963, aged 84 years. Interment Odd Fellow Cemetery, Milton Delaware, February 11, 1963.

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ation:

Howard William Megee, b. 2-14-1902. Following graduation from High school in Wilmington and subsequent graduation from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1925, he became associated with General Motors Corporation, in New York City, New York. He was transferred to Detroit, Michigan, in June 1956, where he is currently, (mid-year 1961) serving as General Assistant Comptroller of the Corporation.

Howard W. was married in New York City, 10-14-1943, to Lucile Eleanor Kwilus, b. 8-13-1907 at Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles East of Cleveland. The writer has enjoyed exchanges with Howard W. and his wife, also with his mother at intervals, such as birthdays and Christmas cards.





Lillie J. (Robbins) Megee has resided with Howard W. and Lucile (Kwilus) Megee, since their marriage. During an unforeseen trip to Detroit, January 3-4 (Saturday-Sunday) 1959, a 'phone conversation was held with Howard W. and his mother. Snow and icy roads made it impractical, in the writer's opinion, to accept their cordial invitation for a visit at their suburban home in Bloomfield Hills on Sunday.

Lillie J. and her daughter-in-law gave the writer's mother a very happy surprise visit at Harbeson, Delaware around 1950, while they were visiting in the Milton area. Howard W. and Lucile E. have no children.

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5th                    Mary Elizabeth Megee, b. 3-30-1881, at Milton, (always  
Gener- known as Bessie) daughter of Captain William H. and Louella  
ation: (Young) Megee, was married at the home of her parents in  
Philadelphia, 10-22-1902, to William Wilson Conwell, b.  
7-29-1878, son of David Miers and Lydia Jane (Wilson)  
Conwell, of Milton, Delaware. By this marriage there were:

6th	Tilney Clarke Conwell, b. 11- 1-1903, Milton, Delaware
Gener-	Frances Goodwin        " , "    11-30-1908,        "        "
ation:	Isabel Christine       " , "    5-12-1911,        "        "
	William Yeats           " , "    11-23-1912,        "        "
	John Clowes            " , "    11-30-1914,        "        "
	David Miers            " , "    2-25-1921, Norfolk, Virginia

William Wilson Conwell (known as Will or Bill) was prominent as Cashier and Staff Officer of the Bank at Milton, Delaware, other business projects including timber, and active in all Civic affairs of his home town.

Will and his family moved to Norfolk, Virginia in 1917. He was one of the larger timber operators in Eastern Virginia and Eastern North Carolina for several years.

William W. Conwell reached "Journey's End" 1-31-1947, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Conwell died one year later 1-8-1948, approximately 68½ years and 66 3/4 years respectively. Burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Milton, Delaware.

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6th                    Tilney Clarke Conwell, b. 11-1-1903, was married in  
Gener- Alexandria, Virginia, on 1-6-1939, to Helen Burton, b.  
ation: 3-4-1910, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold William Burton,  
in New York City, New York.

T. Clarke became a seafaring man at the early age of 15 years. Prior to World War II he commanded several tankers of the Cities Service Oil Company, and was appointed their Port Captain in 1937. As a Reserve Lieutenant Commander





he was called to active duty in February 1942, and assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C. Later in 1942 he was promoted to Commander, and early in 1943 he was transferred to the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. In January 1944, he reported to Pearl Harbor, and joined the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, where he was promoted to Captain. In the final year of the war he was in charge of petroleum logistics for the Pacific Fleet, and all Air operations under Admiral Nimitz. At the close of the war there were about 600 ships under his directional control.

After the war, he returned to an inactive duty status in the Naval Reserve, and elected not to return to the Cities Service Oil Company. In 1950 he joined the American President Lines, San Francisco. (This company is the successor to the old established Dollar Steamship Company.)

Within a relatively short time he was promoted to Vice-President-Operations, of the American President Lines, and has since been elected a Director of the Company. The writer had the pleasure of "Breaking bread" with Captain T. Clarke and his wife Helen in San Francisco, in 1954-1956-1958. (See narrative of Robert L. (Bob) Megee, for an incident of the 1954 trip.) In 1956, during a week-end business trip layover in San Francisco, an invitation from Captain T. Clarke afforded the opportunity to board the President Wilson, (one of the passenger ships of the American President Lines) which was sailing that Sunday afternoon for Honolulu, Yokohama, Hong Kong, Manila and return.

A delightful two hours was spent in roaming over that beautiful ship, and having a picture snapped on the upper deck. The casting off of the lines, being pulled out to mid-stream, and the start made for the Orient, with some 1100 people, (passengers and crew) was watched with much interest, until the ship passed under the Golden Gate Bridge, and entered the broad expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

Captain T. Clarke Conwell and his wife, Helen (Burton) Conwell have no children.

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6th                    Frances Goodwin Conwell, b. 11-30-1908, at Milton,  
Gener-                Delaware, and was married 2-9-1929, in Norfolk, Virginia,  
ation:                to Richard E. Hawks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hawks,  
                        Portsmouth, Virginia, b. 11-6-1902. He is a successful  
                        business man of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia. Their  
                        children:

7th                    Frances Conwell Hawks, b. 1-31-1933  
Gener-                Mary Welton Hawks,                b. 9- 4-1935  
ation:





Home residence, Glensheilah, Portsmouth, Virginia.

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7th                    Frances Conwell Hawks, b. 1-31-1933, was married in  
Gener- 1954 to R. William Wentz Jr., b. 7-4-1932, in Milwaukee,  
ation: Wisconsin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wentz, Sr.  
Their children:

8th                    Ashley Conwell Wentz, Daughter, b. 3-19-1956  
Gener- Robert William Wentz, III,                    b. 3-30-1959  
ation: Richard Edward Hawks Wentz,                    b. 10-28-1960

The R. William Wentz' live in Portsmouth, Virginia, where R. William is associated with a large Savings and Loan Association.

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7th                    Mary Welton Hawks, b. 9-4-1935 and was married in  
Gener- Taranto, Italy, to Lieut. (Junior grade) Robert Milton  
ation: Schlemmer, of the U. S. Navy service. Their children:

8th                    Leslie Karen Schlemmer, daughter, b. October, 1957  
Gener- Robert Milton Schlemmer Jr.,                    b. September, 1959  
ation:

In early 1961---"The Schlemmers are stationed at Pensacola, Florida, where he is flight instructor (now a Lieutenant in the Navy).--- He was a Jet pilot on the Forrestal when Mary Welton married him. We have visited them three times since they were transferred to Pensacola. We've been going to Fort Lauderdale each February for years, and stop by to see them enroute."---From a letter by Frances Goodwin (Conwell) Hawks, in early January 1961, who supplied data for her family.

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6th                    Isabel Christine Conwell, b. 5-12-1911, at Milton,  
Gener- Delaware, was married in Norfolk, Virginia, 1-29-1938, to  
ation: George Byrd Harrison, b. 2-23-1903, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Carter Harrison of Brandon, Virginia. Their issue:

7th                    Joan C. Harrison, {twin} b. 1- 3-1939  
Gener- Ann B.                    "                    "                    b. 1- 3-1939  
ation: George Conwell" , son                    b. 11-28-1943

George B. Harrison was for many years in the maritime service of the Virginia Ports Authority of Hampton Roads, and was a Captain when the bridges and tunnels were built, which resulted in the retirement of practically all of the ferry boats. He was transferred and is still associated with the Ports Authority, but on land activities.



Isabel and George B. Harrison reside in East Sewalls Point Road, Norfolk, Virginia.

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 7th                    Joan C. Harrison, b. 1-3-1939; Married Floyd B.  
 Gener-                Watkins, and had one child:  
 ation:

8th                    David Clowes Watkins, b. 2-16-1960  
 Gener-  
 ation:                -----

7th                    Ann Byrd Harrison, b. 1-3-1939; Married Henry  
 Gener-                Zielsdorf and as of February, 1961, they resided in Sawyer-  
 ation:                ville, Illinois.

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 7th                    George Conwell Harrison, b. 11-28-1943. As of early  
 Gener-                1961 he was still in High school and at home with his  
 ation:                parents.

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 6th                    William Yeates Conwell, b. 11-23-1912, at Milton,  
 Gener-                Delaware. He was lost at sea in the sinking of the S. S.  
 ation:                LAMMOT DUPONT, due to an enemy submarine attack in the  
                      North Atlantic Ocean on May 10, 1942, aged 29½ years. He  
                      was unmarried.

A memorial stone in the Odd Fellow Cemetery, at Milton,  
 Delaware reads, ---- "Ensign U.S.N.R.--Inactive".

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 6th                    John Clowes Conwell, b. 7-30-1914, at Milton, Dela-  
 Gener-                ware. He served as a Corporal, U. S. Army, World War II.  
 ation:                As of 1961 he was unmarried and had been employed in  
                      California for the past several years.

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 6th                    David Miers Conwell, b. 2-25-1921, in Norfolk, Va.,  
 Gener-                the youngest of six children of William Wilson Conwell and  
 ation:                his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Bessie Megee) Conwell.

After having served as Ordinary Seaman in the Tanker  
 fleet of the Cities Service Oil Company during the summers  
 of 1936 and 1937, and after graduating from High school in  
 Norfolk, in February 1938 he became a seaman on a permanent  
 basis. For the years of 1938-'39 and '40 he was a sailor  
 on various ships of the Isthmian Steamship Company and Esso  
 Standard Oil. In the Autumn of 1941 he joined the Alcoa





Steamship Company as third mate of the ALCOA PURITAN which ship was torpedoed and sunk in May 1942. On July 1, 1942 he entered the service of the Navy as an Ensign. After serving in various ships of the Navy, he was paid off in May 1946 as a Lieutenant.

Returning to the Alcoa Steamship Company, he served as Chief Mate of the GEORGE WASHINGTON for a year, and in 1947 was given command of the ROY K. JOHNSON. In 1951, while commanding the ALCOA PATRIOT, he met and married his wife and subsequently was given a shore job as Manager of Alcoa's branch office at Maracaibo, Venezuela, July 1951. In 1956 he was transferred to Caracas, thence to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. He returned to the States in May 1960, as Senior Port Captain for the Alcoa Steamship Company, at Mobile, Alabama.

Captain David M. was married 5-18-1951, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Helen Kathryn Duggar, M. D. -- born 7-26-1922 at Mobile, Alabama, the daughter of Llewellyn Ludwig Duggar, M. D., who had been a Physician in Mobile, and his wife Ida (Magan) Duggar, Their issue:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: William Yeates Conwell, b. 12-17-1958, in Trinidad, S. A., and who was named for his late uncle William (Bill) Yeates Conwell, (b. 11-23-1912)---who was lost in the torpedoing of the LAMMOT DUPONT, in May 1942.

Benjamin Duggar Conwell, b. 11-1-1961, in Mobile, Alabama.

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5th                    Walter Burton Megee, (known as Burt), b. 12-27-1883,  
Gener- at Milton, Delaware, son of Captain William H. and Louella  
ation: (Young) Megee. He was married December 12, 1907 to Jean-  
nette Steer, b. 8-21-1886 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Their issue:

6th                    Dorothy Frances Megee, b. 12-7-1910  
Gener-  
ation:

Walter Burton Megee became a seafaring man at an early age. He progressed rapidly and received his Master's license at an early age. According to some who made voyages with him, he was a "Natural" in command of a ship--- Coastwise or foreign service.

Captain T. Clarke Conwell, who has made a very exhaustive research of ships built upon the banks of the Broadkill river; Ships commanded by Megees; and the names of sea Captains originating in, or tributary to Milton, Delaware, ---- advises:

"Captain Walter Burton Megee commanded the four mast Barkentine JOSEPHINE which was built by the Stewart family of Baltimore, Maryland, for their Brazil---Baltimore coffee trade. Burt held a Master's licenses in both sail and steam vessels. He may have been the only member of the family to hold such licenses."

Among those with whom the writer has had personal contacts or held written exchanges, is ---- Robert (Bob) Lincoln Megee, the youngest brother of Captain Burt, and under date of 2-8-1961, he wrote an interesting letter, which included the following:

"Have read your last letter and am glad to learn of the progress you are making toward concluding within a year, or close thereto, the Family Tree Project. I have a lot of admiration for the tremendous scope and volume of work embraced in this undertaking. Having gone to sea with Burt and with lifelong memories, I would like to offer the following for his record, in the event you do not have something on this feature of his activities." Namely:

"During World War I, he sold his interest in the sailing vessel which he had commanded for many years, and subsequently made several ocean crossings in command of a ship of the U. S. Shipping Board's fleet. Following the end of the war he entered the shipping business in Philadelphia, establishing the firm of Megee-Steer Co. In 1920 he was joined by his brother Ralph, and the firm of Megee Brothers, Steamship Agents and Ship Brokers was founded. Their oldest brother, William H. Jr., joined this firm in 1923."



Captain Walter Burton Megee died of pneumonia, in Wilmington, Delaware, 12-31-1934, at the comparative early age of 51 years. Burial at Milton, Delaware, in the M. E. Church Cemetery, January 2, 1935.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Dorothy Frances Megee, b. 12-7-1910 and was married 11-29-1934, to John Mason of Pleasantville, New Jersey.

She married a second time, on December 4, 1945. Her husband being Joseph W. Bennett Sr., Owner and Operator of the Bennett Chevrolet Company, Pleasantville, New Jersey which, by reason of its proximity, might be considered as of the greater Atlantic City metropolitan area.

Home residence is on Bay Drive, West Atlantic City, New Jersey, as of 1961, and for some fifteen years prior. No children by either marriage.

Dorothy's mother, Jeannette (Steer) Megee, died very suddenly, October 29, 1943, age 57 years, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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5th  
Gener- son of Ralph Davidson Megee, b. 5-16-1885, at Milton, Dela.,  
ation: was married on 4-4-1907, in Milton, to Anna Wiltbank, b.  
8-11-1885, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wiltbank, of  
the same town. Their children:

6th  
Gener- Helen Megee, b. 5-10-1908 }  
ation: Ralph D. Jr., b. 5-10-1908 }twins

Anna (Wiltbank) Megee, was "Summond Home" 5-10-1908.  
Interment at Milton, Delaware.

Ralph D. Sr., followed in the footsteps of his father and became a seaman at an early age. He progressed rapidly and received his Master's license at a comparatively young age. He commanded ships in Coastwise and Foreign service. He commanded the schooner COLLINS W. WALTON for the major portion of his years as a Ship Master.

During World War I, Captain Ralph was employed with Job & Company of New York, as Superintendent of the building of several large sailing vessels for this firm. In 1920 he joined with Captain Burt in founding the firm of Megee Brothers, Steamship Agents and Brokers in Philadelphia.

Captain Ralph was married a second time on 11-1-1910 in Philadelphia to Mary P. Herring, b. 12-6-1888 in that city. Their children:

6th  
Gener- Mary Louella Megee, b. 12- 4-1911, Philadelphia, Pa.  
ation: Elizabeth H. " , b. 4-21-1913, " "  
Kathryn Dorothy " , b. 8-21-1914, " "  
Margaret Louise " , b. 7-21-1918, " "

Captain Ralph Davidson Megee Sr. reached "Journey's End" in Philadelphia, May 4, 1936, at the comparatively early age of about 51 years. Interment in West Minister Cemetery, Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

His widow, Mary P. (Herring) Megee continued to live in Philadelphia until the daughters were all married. She has alternated since among her children. The writer has exchanged cards and letters for several years, principally on birthdays and Christmas. Our mutual birthdays were within one day of each other and of the same year. A very fine and closely knit family, including the twins by her husband's first marriage, with whom she visits regularly. (NOTE)--P.S. 1962--Mary P. reached "Journey's End" 3-8-1962, aged 73 years and 3 months. Burial beside her husband at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

6th  
Gener- Helen Megee, (twin to Ralph D. Jr.,) b. 5-10-1908,  
ation: daughter of Captain Ralph D. and Anna (Wiltbank) Megee,  
was married in West Philadelphia 4-15-1930, to John Philip  
Hoot, b. 2-15-1904 in that city.





John (Jack) Hoot has been associated for many years in an official capacity with Carson Marshall Company, Inc., Brokers for coal, coke, and pig iron.

They reside at Drexel Hill, (suburb of Philadelphia) and have no children.

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6th                    Ralph D. Megee Jr., b. 5-10-1908, (twin to Helen  
Gener- (Megee) Hoot), son of Captain Ralph D. Sr., and Anna  
ation: (Wiltbank) Megee. He was married 8-8-1936, to Mildred  
Lupfer Tuckey, born in Philadelphia. Their issue:

7th                    Ralph D. Megee, III (known as David) 8-10-1942

Gener-                    Ralph D. Jr. followed his father and grandfather in  
ation: becoming associated with the shipping industry. Gradu-  
ating from High school in 1926 brought him a six year  
apprenticeship with the General Asphalt Company (in their  
Philadelphia Export and Shipping Department). In 1934 he  
joined Megee Brothers, Inc., of which his father was Presi-  
dent, and, upon the sudden death of his father in 1936,  
he carried on the business until World War II, when because  
of the War, their many foreign flag accounts withdrew  
activity. Ralph was then made Manager for the W. S. A.  
(War Shipping Administration) at Philadelphia, (the export  
arm of the war effort.)

In 1944 Ralph D. Jr., joined the firm of J. A. McCarthy  
and shortly thereafter upon its incorporation was made an  
officer. He holds the position of Vice President in charge  
of operations in the Company, which enjoys a high reputa-  
tion and is considered one of the largest Steamship Agency  
and Stevedoring firms in the Philadelphia area.

The writer has enjoyed annual card exchanges plus some  
letters over a period of many years. Following the com-  
pletion of a business trip to Philadelphia, about 1950,  
enjoyed a very pleasant call on him at the offices of the  
J. A. McCarthy Company. In 1958, had a local 'phone call  
and upon short notice enjoyed "Breaking bread" with Ralph  
D. Jr., Mildred and son David in downtown Washington. Their  
home residence is Springfield, Delaware County, a suburb  
of metropolitan Philadelphia.

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7th                    Ralph D. Megee, III, b. 8-10-1942, (known as David),  
Gener- graduated from High school, in June 1960 and entered the  
ation: University of Delaware, as a freshman, in September 1960.

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6th                    Mary Louella Megee, b. 12-4-1911, daughter of Captain  
Gener-                Ralph D. Sr., and Mary P. (Herring) Megee, was married to  
ation:                Charles Clement Thaw, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their  
                         issue:

7th                    Charles Clement Thaw Jr., b. 10-7-1932, in Philadelphia  
Gener-  
ation:                Charles Sr. has been associated practically all of  
                         his business career with the Radio Corporation of America.  
                         The writer, following the completion of a two day business  
                         trip to Syracuse, New York in 1957, called the Clement  
                         home, and they insisted upon coming downtown and lifting a  
                         mild, but refreshing, toast to our brief meeting prior to  
                         the departure of the train. A delightful hour. Charles  
                         Sr. was subsequently transferred from Syracuse to Cleveland,  
                         and in 1960 was transferred by RCA to Seattle, Washington.

7th                    Charles Clement Thaw Jr., b. 10-7-1932, was married  
Gener-                6-14-1958 at Smithtown, Long Island, New York, to Diane  
ation:                Winkelmann, b. 9-10-1936. He was attending Syracuse Uni-  
                         versity (in 1960) and they were living on campus. Their  
                         issue:

8th                    Jerri Lynn Thaw, daughter, b. 4-3-1959  
Gener-  
ation:                -----

6th                    Elizabeth Herring Megee, b. 4-21-1913, was married  
Gener-                7-1-1939 to David Stetson Woodward, b. 11-20-1911, in  
ation:                Malvern, Pennsylvania.

David entered Military service in Philadelphia in 1940.  
As of 1960 he was a Lieut. Colonel, located at Columbus,  
Ohio as commanding officer at Fort Hayes, of that metro-  
politan area. Advice was received in late 1960 that Lt.  
Col. David Woodward was planning to retire from Military  
service in late 1961. They have no children.

6th                    Kathryn Dorothy Megee, b. 8-21-1914, in Philadelphia,  
Gener-                was married 3-18-1939 in Narberth, Pennsylvania, to William  
ation:                Seymour Bennett, b. 11-2-1913 in Philadelphia. Their issue:

7th                    William Seymour Bennett Jr., b. 8-26-1941, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Gener-  
ation:                William S. Sr., is associated with the Merritt Lumber  
                         Company, at Emmaus, Pennsylvania, as of 1960.





6th                    Margaret Louise Megee, b. 7-23-1918, youngest daughter  
Gener-   of Captain Ralph D. Sr. and Mary (Herring) Megee. She was  
ation:   married 11-13-1937 in Narberth, Pennsylvania, to George  
         Cochran Wilmot, b. 3-30-1917. Their children:

7th                    George Cochran Wilmot Jr., b. 3- 4-1940  
Gener-   Robert Wainwright   "                    , b. 6-18-1942  
ation:   Charles Davidson   "                    , b. 1-18-1947

George C. Sr. has been associated with the Philadelphia district division of Westinghouse Electric Company, practically all of his business life.

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5th                    Lloyd Creamer Megee, b. 10-11-1890, in Milton, Dela-  
 Gener- ware, son of Captain William H. (Sr.) and Louella (Young)  
 ation: Megee. He was married 5-23-1912, to Myrtle MacFarland,  
 in Glenside Methodist Church, Glenside, Pennsylvania  
 (Philadelphia area).

Lloyd entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Treasurer's office, Philadelphia, shortly after leaving High school and continued with that Company until 1919. He then became associated with the duPont Company of Wilmington, Delaware, and was assigned as paymaster for a project operation, at Flint, Michigan. After the completion of this assignment, he was associated with two or three companies consecutively, until he accepted a position with the Consumers Power Company of Michigan in the 1930s.

He was married a second time on 1-18-1934 at Fort Myers, Florida, the bride being Jean Weighell, b. 3-18-1899, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Weighell, Cincinnati, Ohio. Jean and her mother had resided in Clarkston, Michigan, for several years prior to 1934.

Lloyd and the writer have maintained contacts by mail, plus brief personal meetings since he was of school age, in Milton, Delaware. These personal visits from time to time have been especially interesting, and retrospective journeys backward for a half century or more have been made to our mutual enjoyment. He retired from the Consumers Power Company, at age 65, November 1, 1955. After serving three years as a Real Estate salesman, he acquired a Realty Broker's License to operate as an individual Broker. This is an outside interest which has proved to be a very healthful one.

Since their marriage, Lloyd and Jean have resided at Clarkston, Michigan. They were privileged to have Jean's mother, Mrs. Weighell, with them until February 1960. For the past decade or more they have spent some period of time in Florida each Winter, following the Christmas-New Year's holidays. No children.

P. S.----NOTE (Since writing the above in 1961)----  
 Lloyd C. Megee reached "Journey's End" May 27, 1963, age 72 years and 7 months, at their home. Services in the First Methodist Church at Clarkston, May 31, 1963. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery of Clarkston, Michigan.

In addition to his association with the Consumers Power Company (Staff Assistant of the Southeast Division) at the time of retirement, he was very active in Civic and community affairs. He was past President of Clarkston Rotary Club; Past Governor of District 638, Rotary International, President of Oakland County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., 1954 to 1958. He served for 14 years as Trustee of the town of Clarkston and was active in many other organizations. He is survived by his widow Jean (Weighell) Megee.

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5th                    Robert (Bob) Lincoln Megee, b. 4-17-1896, at Milton,  
Gener- Delaware, the youngest of seven adult children of Captain  
ation: William H. Sr. and Louella (Young) Megee. He was married  
3-25-1918 in Philadelphia, to Florence Virginia Miller,  
b. 2-3-1892. Their issue:

6th                    Edith Lucille Megee, b. 3-21-1920, at Janesville, Wis.

Gener-                    Bob started out as a seaman at an early age, however,  
ation: the outbreak of the European War in the second half of  
1914, the forerunner of World War I, created certain dis-  
locations in the normal Coastwise and Carribean vessel  
sailings. Bob entered the employ of the duPont Company in  
1915, and was assigned to their plant at Carney's Point,  
New Jersey. Later assignments were at Janesville, Wis-  
consin, Parlan, New Jersey, Wilmington, Delaware, and Old  
Hickory, Tennessee.

He was married a second time, on July 4, 1942, at  
Nashville, Tennessee, to Flora Alice Ray, b. 8-30-1908  
at Eagleville, Tennessee. Their issue:

6th                    Millicent Morgan Megee, b. 1-6-1946 at Madison Hos-  
Gener- pital, Madison, Tennessee (in close proximity to the duPont  
ation: Plant at Old Hickory, and between the latter location and  
Nashville.) The name Morgan was the maiden name of Flora's  
mother. Note: Milly's initials, --- M.M.M.

Following completion of a business trip to Nashville  
in mid-1953, the writer contacted Bob and had the pleasure  
of spending a few hours with Bob and Flora at their home  
at Old Hickory and "Breaking bread" with the three of them  
at a very enjoyable dinner.

During the latter part of August 1954, the writer re-  
ceived a letter from Bob saying that he and Flora were  
scheduled for their first trip to the Pacific Coast; Said  
they were going to spend a few days with daughter Lucille,  
and her husband, Col. I. B. M. Symes, at San Bernadino,  
thence to San Francisco. He asked for suggestions of ---  
Things to see, for fear they might overlook something very  
worthwhile. He said they would be registered at the Mark  
Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, September 11-12-13.

Replied immediately, sending original to his home and  
a copy to the Mark Hopkins Hotel, --- "Believe it or not  
Ripley, am making a three weeks business trip, accompanied  
by wife, to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane.  
Have reservations at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Fran-  
cisco, September 11-12 and 13. Give us phone call and  
join us for breakfast, September 11." Checked in Hotel at  
8 AM, Bob and Flora joined us for breakfast, after which  
some sight seeing in downtown area. The writer had some  
prior engagements, made weeks earlier, for that evening and  
the following day. Bob and Flora spent the evening and next  
day with Captain T. Clarke and Helen (Burton) Conwell.





Arrangements were made for a joint luncheon at the World famous Garden Court of the Palace Hotel (now the Sheraton Palace) on Monday, September 13. Captain Conwell and Helen; Bob and Flora; Lydia and the writer spent two hours at that beautiful location and delicious luncheon.

Bob and Clarke were born in Milton, Delaware, while the writer was born on a farm some three miles East of that town within sight of a tributary of the Broadkill river, on which the town is located. There we were, for a brief time, about 3000 miles distant in sight of the broad Pacific Ocean. The said luncheon adjourned about 2:30 p.m.-----Clarke and Helen were residents there; Bob and Flora were leaving at 5:00 p.m. for Tennessee, via Denver and St. Louis; Lydia and the writer were leaving at 5:30 p.m. for Seattle, Spokane and Eastward.

In making our adieus,---Bob said,---"Caleb, this has been a great luncheon, in fact the entire three days. Had it not been for you keeping in contact with your numerous cousins, principally on birthdays and Christmas holidays, there would have been no reason for me to advise you of our proposed trip, and we all could have met or passed on the streets of this wonderful City without knowing of the other's presence."

Robert L. (Bob) retired in 1956 by choice, on his 60th birthday or thereabouts, as Service Superintendent at the duPont Company's large plant at Old Hickory, Tenn. He and Flora with daughter Millicent moved to Fort Pierce Beach-South, Florida, into a recently completed home, erected in anticipation of the hard earned and thoroughly merited vacation. A stop was made at their home, in April 1958, enroute from Florida to Washington.

Under date of January 1961, in returning the "Rough Draft" of this section pertaining to himself and others of his family, which he had suggested earlier that he would like to review, Bob submitted the following comments:

"I am particularly interested in your proposed findings with respect to brothers Burt and Ralph, and having sailed with both, I might be able to contribute more to the seagoing history of the family,---if you have space for it."

"I can recall vividly, the anguish and suffering of my father and mother when Ralph had long been given up for lost, and mother's almost hysteria when a telegram was received that he had arrived at Charleston, S. C., after 82 days out of Mystic, Connecticut, in the Winter of about 1907."





"I later made a voyage with Ralph in the same vessel, the COLLINS W. WALTON, and spent time reviewing her Log books in which I found some exciting entries. The most memorable one being an account of, ---- (Ralph was then mate with Burt as Master) --- their trouble with a seaman named Scott, from the West Indies whom they overpowered and put in irons."

"The same Scott shortly thereafter led a mutiny on the schooner HARRY A. BERWYN which resulted in the murder of the Captain, his wife and all but two other seaman whom Scott spared to help him bring the vessel into Wilmington, N. C., where he was later hanged by the neck."

"Being yet unborn, I missed the family voyage to South America on the newly built four mast ARTHUR McARDLE in 1890 commanded by my father, but I was present on the last voyage my father made. About 1906 he purchased the Barkentine JOSEPHINE and, after renewing his license, he took a vacation from the Ship Brokerage firm of Mitchell and Megee to sail the JOSEPHINE to Portland, Maine with a cargo of coal and return to Philadelphia with a cargo of natural ice."

"Mother was aboard, of course, also one of my favorite cousins on mother's side of the family (Ann Denney). Also father's friend and attorney, W.H.G. Gould, who likewise was a pillar of 43rd St. Methodist Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Gould didn't prove to be much of a sailor and returned from Portland by train to Philadelphia."

"Father was like a kid with a new toy and didn't try to conceal his joy when we beat the schooner, WILLIAM B. PALMER into Portland by 24 hours after we were becalmed in her company off Chatham, Massachusetts. Her Captain was one of father's many friends with the reputation of being a smart sailor. Father gave me a sound whack on the rump one day at Portland, when he came aboard and found me perched on the foretop, the only physical correction I ever knew him to administer."

NOTE---Have been prompted to quote the six preceding paragraphs thinking they may be of real interest to many of the descendants of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, and possibly a number of others who may read these pages.  
(by CRM---April, 1961)

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th                    Edith Lucille Megee, b. 3-21-1920 at Janesville,  
ener-    Wisconsin, the daughter of Robert L. and Florence (Miller)  
tion:    Megee. She was married in Richmond, Virginia in 1943 to  
         Isaac M. B. Symes.



Isaac M. B. Symes entered Military service and served throughout World War II; as Pilot Instructor; as 2nd Lieut. in the Pacific theatre, including Japan and Korea following the close of World War II; as of April 1961 he was nearing the completion of a two year assignment, as a Colonel, at Ankara, Turkey. He and his family are expected to return to the United States in mid-summer 1961, for re-assignment which will most likely be for a tour of duty in this country. (NOTE) Was subsequently assigned for a tour of duty at Mobile, Alabama.

Children of Edith Lucille (Megee) Symes, and her husband Colonel I. B. M. Symes:

7th	Elizabeth Ann Symes, b. 8-31-1945, Waco, Texas
Gener-	Robert Megee " , b. 1-15-1947, Tulsa, Oklahoma
ation:	John Baker " , b. Year 1954, San Bernardino, Cal.

NOTE: This concludes the data for Captain William H. Megee, (4th generation), and his descendants, up to 1960-1961.

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4th                    SARAH ELIZA MEGEE (known as Sarah), b. 6-18-1853,  
 Gener- near Zoar, Indian River Hundred, daughter of Moses and  
 ation: Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. She was married in March 1880,  
 at Milton, Delaware, to Harry Hatfield of that town. She  
 died June 4, 1884 and was buried in Milton M. E. Church  
 cemetery. Her husband did not remarry and only survived  
 his wife a comparatively short time. This issue:

5th                    By this marriage there was one child who died in in-  
 Gener- fancy about one month after the passing of Sarah Eliza,  
 ation: the mother. The three are buried in the aforementioned  
 church cemetery.

Incidentally, the family Bible in which the family  
 records of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee are written,  
 carries this sentence, --- "Presented to Sarah E. Megee,  
 November 19, 1874. There is no indication by whom pre-  
 sented.

This family Bible was apparently given to Moses and  
 Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, either at the time of Sarah  
 Eliza's marriage or following her death. Following the  
 death of Mary C. Megee in March 1891, it was given to  
 Charles Emory Megee, and his wife, Lucinda (Rust) Megee.  
 With the death of Uncle Emory Megee in August 1896, it  
 continued in possession of Aunt Lucinda and her daughter,  
 Cousin Una Megee. In the early Autumn of 1956, during a  
 conversation with Una, assurance was given the writer  
 that in view of the interest manifested in the collection  
 of family data over the years, that she would give the  
 Bible to me at a later date.

In early November 1958, in response to a message from  
 Cousin Una, the Bible was picked up at her home, at Redden,  
 Delaware, accompanied by brother Nelson. It has since  
 been kept at the writer's home, in Washington, D. C.

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4th Theodore BURTON MEGEE, b. 11-19-1854, near Zoar, a  
Gener- son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. He was married  
ation: 12-31-1879 to Elizabeth (Lizzie) M. Veasey, daughter of  
Captain and Mrs. Nathaniel Veasey, of the Milton District.

5th George Edward Megee, b. 11-4-1883, d. 10-9-1889.  
Gener-  
ation: Lizzie M. (Veasey) Megee was "Summoned Home" 7-30-1889.  
Burial at Milton.

The son, George Edward Megee, was killed accidentally at the age of five years and eleven months. Reportedly this was due to an attempt to jump on a load of long logs passing in front of the public school playground, at Harbeson, Delaware.

Captain Theodore B. was married a second time in January 1890. The bride being Lydia James Russell, b. 3-31-1871, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, a farmer living near the Northwest side of Milton, Delaware. Their children:

5th Mary Caroline Megee, b. 3-29-1891, at Harbeson, Delaware  
Gener- George Edward " , b. 5- 2-1898, " " "  
ation:

Theodore B. became a seaman at an early age, and according to a jointly addressed letter from Captain T. Clarke Conwell of 5-5-1959:----"Captain Theodore became Master and 2/32nds owner of the schooner JOHN JOHNSON, on May 17, 1882, in his 28th year. This ship, as earlier stated, might well be termed a 'Megee training' ship."

As reported under the narrative of Captain William H. Megee, "the JOHNSON was commanded by said William H. from 1873 to February 6, 1877, when he was succeeded by his brother, Captain John R., then Captain Theodore until December 1884. Later a fourth brother, Captain George E., commanded the JOHNSON. All of them moved on to command larger ships."

Further, with reference to the large volume of hand penned items from the Milton News Letters to the MILFORD CHRONICLE in the mid-1890s, which Miss Sarah Atkins sent Captain T. Clarke Conwell, the following is quoted:

Under the year of 1896 this item appears:----"The big four mast schooner ARTHUR McARDLE of which Captain William H. Megee is Master and part owner, is commanded by his brother, Captain Theodore B. Megee, bound for Georgia. Captain William is home with his family."

Under date of February 6, 1962, Captain T. Clarke Conwell addressed a joint letter to two brothers, two sisters, three uncles and five cousins. The writer was included among the last named classification, and the eight page letter was devoted, possibly to the extent of about





85%, to the additional information which he had developed with respect to the ships commanded by Captain Theodore B. Megee. The following condensed quotations were taken from said letter:

"At Boston, Massachusetts, on May 7, 1885, Theodore, age 30, relieved his brother, William Henry, of command of the Milton-built three-master, HENRY WADDINGTON. He may have joined the WADDINGTON as mate immediately after leaving the schooner JOHN JOHNSON, on the previous December,\*\*\*. "The records show that the WADDINGTON arrived in Philadelphia, May 19, 1885, from Boston.\*\*\*\*\* A new Customs document was issued the WADDINGTON on May 19, 1885 and Theodore was recorded as Master."

"The HENRY WADDINGTON had something in common with the old JOHN JOHNSON in that again three Megee brothers, in this instance, William H.--Theodore B.--and Caleb R., commanded from time of building in 1881, until five months before she was lost, in April, 1892."

Then the Milton News Letter to the Milford, Delaware CHRONICLE in 1896 listed Captain Theodore B. commanding "The big four-masted schooner ARTHUR McARDLE, etc."

From Captain Conwell's letter of 2-6-1962---"For reasons unknown to me, although it could have been because of his health, Captain Theodore acquired the ELLA A. CALL, to the extent of 9/16ths ownership, on October 12, 1899. He apparently retained controlling interest and command of the CALL until March 12, 1901, when a document was issued to the vessel at Wilmington, in which Captain Joseph H. Warrington was recorded as Managing Owner and Master. The CALL appears to have continued trading under Captain Warrington until at least 1907."

"Captain Theodore was not long without an opportunity to set some canvas. He was back in command again when, on June 7, 1901, he purchased the complete ownership of the two-master WILLIAM I. SIMPSON at a public auction, at Baltimore. This vessel was built at Milford in 1881, two years before the ELLA A. CALL. \*\*\*\*\* In general, the two vessels were practically identical. I do not know how long Theodore was active in the SIMPSON but it was at least until August 5, 1903, when Wilmington Customs issued a document to the vessel in which he was recorded as sole owner and Master."

This letter of 2-6-1962 from Captain T. Clarke Conwell, Vice President of Operations and a Director of the American President Lines, will undoubtedly be shown, (perhaps in full text) in his book now in process (May 1962) covering all vessels built upon the banks of the Broadkill river; All vessels commanded by the Megees, which were built on the Broadkill river; and all sea Captains who originated at, or near Milton, Delaware.





Mrs. Edgar H. Hill, (see Mary Caroline Megee) supplied several records concerning vessels acquired by her father, and some of his activities in those vessels,---to Captain Conwell at San Francisco.

Robert L. (Bob) Megee in a joint letter to Captain Conwell and the writer of 3-25-1958, from his retirement home in Florida, wrote an interesting paragraph with respect to "Uncle Dora" and the ELLA A. CALL. However, I'm sure Captain Conwell will quote this full paragraph in his book, therefore I am not using it here.

Captain Theodore resided at Harbeson, Delaware. He owned a small farm Northwest of Milton. He reached "Journey's End" February 2, 1905, aged 50 years and two months. Burial at Milton, and the writer recalls there was a sizeable snow and the thermometer was low. The horse drawn hearse (a pair of horses) did not move faster than a walking gait during the approximate four mile drive. His widow, Lydia James (Russell) Megee, continued to live at Harbeson until about 1911, when she moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where she died April 1, 1950, aged 79 years. Burial in the family plot at Milton, Delaware.

Those who can recall, Captain Theodore B. Megee----relatives, or others, will agree unquestionably, that the following verse on his tomb in Milton Methodist Church cemetery is very appropriate.

"Rocks and storms I'll  
Fear no more  
When on that Eternal Shore,  
Drop the Anchor  
Furl the sail  
I am safe within the Vale."

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5th                    Mary Caroline Megee, b. 3-29-1891, (known as Mamie to  
Gener- relatives and close friends), was reared at Harbeson and  
ation: attended school there. She was married 9-10-1910 to Edgar  
Harrison Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theopolus Hill, of near  
Cool Spring, Delaware, Their children:

6th                    Edgar Layton Hill, b. 12-19-1911, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Gener- Jessie Toletha    ", b. 12- 5-1916, Wilmington, Delaware  
ation: Edward Vernon    ", b. 9-14-1918,                    "                    "  
Lydia Carolyn     ", b. 7- 5-1920,                    "                    "  
Theodore Everett", b. 1-13-1922,                    "                    "

Edgar H. Hill entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a trainman and within a comparatively few years was promoted to freight conductor. He and his wife, Mary C. lived practically all of their married life in Wilmington, Delaware. He reached "Journey's End" 5-21-1950. Burial at





Gracelawn Cemetery of their home city. His widow has continued to live in Wilmington, in the same immediate neighborhood.

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6th                    Edgar Layton Hill, b. 12-19-1911, was married 4-5-1935  
Gener-    in Cambridge, Maryland, to Rosalie Emma Brohawn, b. 10-25-1915  
ation:    at Williamsburg, Maryland. Their children:

7th                    Patricia Ann Hill, b. 4-28-1943, Wilmington, Delaware  
Gener-    Betsy Layton Hill, b. 7-20-1945,                    "  
ation:

Edgar Layton Hill entered Military service in World War II, 7-19-1943. He trained in Oklahoma and was in the Rainbow Division. He holds citation awards for good conduct, and the Bronze Star commendations in Germany and Austria. He was honorably discharged December 4, 1945.

He operates the Atlantic Gas Station on South Market Street in Wilmington, Delaware, and their home is in the same city.

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6th                    Jessie Toletha Hill, b. 12-5-1916, was married 4-3-1937,  
Gener-    Peninsula Methodist Church, Wilmington, to William Edward  
ation:    Tyson Jr., b. 3-8-1916 in that city. Their issue:

7th                    Janice Mae Tyson, b. 2-16-1939, Wilmington, Delaware  
Gener-  
ation:

William Edward Tyson entered World War II service in June 1945. He received basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida and went overseas November 1945. He served in the Quarter Master Corps in Italy and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He operates Tyson's Transfer, Transportation and Storage Warehouse Company. They reside in Wilmington, Delaware.

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7th                    Janice Mae Tyson, b. 2-16-1939, was married 2-22-1957  
Gener-    to Robert Franklin Wright, b. 10-1-1937. Their issue:  
ation:

8th                    Robin Lynn Wright, b. 6-23-1958  
Gener-    Beverly Joy                    "  
ation:

Robert F. Wright is in the Construction business. He and Janice Mae reside in the Delaware area of Wilmington, Delaware.

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6th                    Edward Vernon Hill, b. 9-14-1918, was married 10-4-1941  
 Gener-    in Wilmington to Helen McMennimen, b. 12-16-1921 in Phila-  
 ation:    delphia. Their children:

7th                    Edward Vernon Hill Jr., b. 10-10-1943, Wilmington, Dela.  
 Gener-    Mary Ellen Hill,                    b. 7- 2-1947,                    "                    "  
 ation:    Merle Jean Hill,                    b. 9-27-1950,                    "                    "  
                   Joanne Hill,                    b. 2-12-1952,                    "                    "

Edward Vernon Hill Sr. entered Military service World War II, 10-10-1940. He was in combat service in the Philippines and served in the Hawaiian Islands. Citations and awards,---Good conduct American Theatre; A Philippine decoration; Asiatic Pacific, Battle Star. Released as Second Lieutenant. Currently, (1960) he is Supply Officer, and a Captain of the Delaware National Guard. Home is in Wilmington, Delaware.

7th                    Edward Vernon Hill Jr., was appointed to the U. S.  
 Gener-    Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. by U. S. Senator  
 ation:    John J. Williams of Delaware and entered there in late  
                   Summer of 1961.

NOTE: P. S. 7-15-1963: Vernon Jr., after some nine months returned to Wilmington in 1962, and is employed by the duPont Company of that city.

6th                    Lydia Carolyn Hill, b. 7-5-1920, was married 5-31-1941  
 Gener-    in Peninsula Methodist Church, Wilmington to Warren J.  
 ation:    Baird, b. 12-8-1920. Their issue:

7th                    Warren J. Baird Jr., b. 1-31-1943, Wilmington, Delaware  
 Gener-    Shirley Ann Baird , b. 1-23-1950,                    "                    "  
 ation:

Warren is employed by the duPont Experimental Station at Henry Clay, Delaware. Due to Classified occupation, he was deferred from Military service in World War II. Their home is in Wilmington, Delaware.

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6th                    Theodore Everett Hill, b. 1-13-1922, (known as Teddy)  
 Gener-    youngest of five children of Edgar Harrison and Mary C.  
 ation:    (Megee) Hill. He was married 11-11-1950 in Peninsula  
                   Methodist Church, Wilmington, Delaware, to Edna Virginia  
                   Farlow, b. 6-15-1923 in the same city. Their children,  
                   all born in Wilmington Delaware.

7th                    Rodney Harrison, b. 2-27-1956  
 Gener-    Virginia Lynn,                    b. 3-31-1957  
 ation:    Caryl Ann,                    b. 4- 5-1959  
                   Glenn Allen,                    b. 7-16-1963  
                   \*\* Theodore Everett, b. 10-14-1943

Symbol \*\*, a son by a previous marriage.





6th Theodore Everett (Teddy) entered Military service,  
 Gener- World War II, October 21, 1943. He served in the 98th  
 ation: Infantry and the 63rd Infantry Divisions. They joined  
 with the 29th Infantry Division in the Normandy Campaign  
 and Northern France. He has two Combat Battle Stars; The  
 Bronze Star; The Purple Heart--(was injured 8-3-1944 and  
 in hospital five months); Has Combat Infantry Badge; Good  
 Conduct American Theatre, E.T.O., Occupation Forces; and  
 Presidential Unit Citation. Honorably discharged 11-21-1945.  
 He served again, October 1948 until October 1949, in Escort  
 Service. He is currently (late 1960) a First Lieutenant in  
 the Delaware National Guard.

In late 1960 Teddy Sr. was Manager of a store in  
 Newark, Delaware for the General Tire and Rubber Company.  
 Their home is in Wilmington, Delaware.

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 5th George Edward Megee, b. 5-2-1898, at Harbeson, Delaware,  
 Gener- the son of Captain Theodore B. and Lydia James (Russell)  
 ation: Megee. He was married 4-25-1931 to Marian Law, b. 1-25-1898  
 at Newark, Delaware. They were married at Brack-Ex, a  
 suburb of Wilmington, Delaware. No children.

George entered service of the Pennsylvania Railroad,  
 (Maryland Division) as a fireman on steam locomotives shortly  
 after graduating from High school in Wilmington, Delaware.

He was promoted to Engineer and later held a run on the  
 Electric locomotives (passenger service) Washington to New  
 York City. He was subsequently promoted to Assistant Road  
 Foreman of Motive Power on the Eastern Region of the P.R.R.  
 and later advanced to Assistant Train Master, serving in  
 this capacity at Richmond, Indiana and Baltimore, Maryland,  
 and was Supervisor of Safety at Columbus, Ohio when he re-  
 tired at the age of 60 on account of disability.

Since retirement they have resided in North Miami and  
 Hollywood, Florida. The writer, accompanied by his wife,  
 spent a very pleasant, though brief time, with George  
 and Marian during a trip of a few weeks to Florida in the  
 Spring of 1958.

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4th                    MARGARET ANN MEGEE, b. 5-1-1856, near Zoar, Indian  
 Gener-   River Hundred, a daughter of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans)  
 ation:   Megee. The family moved to Milton in the late 1850s and  
          to the Harbeson area in the late 1860s.

Margaret was married at the home of her parents, near Harbeson, October 11, 1880 to Sidney A. Jarvis, b. 12-4-1837 near Berlin, Maryland. Their issue:

5th                    Sidney A. died in infancy  
 Gener-   Theodore Megee Jarvis, b. 5-21-1888, Harbeson, Delaware  
 ation:

Sidney A. Jarvis as a young man spent some period of time on an extended trip in the Mid-West, principally Illinois. He was a very interesting conversationalist, a well educated man of his period of time with a prodigious memory and was well informed on a variety of subjects. On more than one occasion, in reminiscing to the writer, he referred to his early manhood pilgrimage to the Mid-West and the fact that he heard Abraham Lincoln debate with U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois on the issues of the Day, in 1858, at some two or three locations in Illinois. NOTE: (It will be recalled that Lincoln and Douglass were nominated by their respective parties, for U. S. Senator in 1858.)

Following the close of the War between the States, Sidney A. Jarvis came to lower Delaware, around Lewes. The late Elijah Register of that town had earlier married a sister of Sidney's. Later said Sidney A. Jarvis started a store at Harbeson. Some five years after their marriage, he was appointed agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at that point and U. S. Mastmaster. The Railroad station was named BROADKILL, while the Post Office was named HARBESON, (presumably for Harbeson Hickman, a well known man of that area). Sidney Jarvis succeeded the late Thomas R. (known as Tom) Burton, who had served in both capacities (Railroad agent and U. S. Postmaster) from the advent of the Railroad in 1869 until the 1885 period. The corporate name of the railroad when built was the JUNCTION AND BREAKWATER RAILROAD extending from Harrington to Lewes-Rehoboth, Delaware.

Sidney A. Jarvis learned telegraphy when he was in the second half of his 40s and used a special type of hand "sending key." The Railroad Agency work, the Post Office, the Western Union Office and the Adams Express Agency work, were confined to the major portion of one side of the general store, back of a broad counter. A portion of this space was largely enclosed for privacy in the handling of U. S. Mail, the Express work, the selling of tickets and handling the telegraph work. There was a freight warehouse, with an open shed, and a platform of about one full passenger car length--on the other side of the railroad tracks from the General store, and office above described.





The general merchandise store was a very healthy enterprise. Margaret Ann (Megee) Jarvis was a "Natural" for assistance in said store. Their home was attached to, but in the rear of, the store. Groceries of all kinds, dry goods, shoes, boots, primary hardware items and all articles pertinent to the stock of a general store were carried. Much of the trade was by barter; that is everything offered by the customers from eggs and huckleberries to pine cordwood, were accepted in exchange for the several commodities in the store. Eggs, fruits and other farm produce so acquired were shipped to the city market, principally to Philadelphia. The cordwood was stacked on the Railroad property, adjacent to the station sidetrack, for the handling of inbound and outbound traffic in freight cars, in volume to use a car. The wood was loaded later and shipped to Philadelphia, Chester and Wilmington, where it was used largely for kindling wood.

He acquired a substantial acreage of land on a gradual basis. Margaret Ann (Megee) Jarvis died November 15, 1902. Sidney A. retired from his position as Rail and Express Agent and Manager of the Western Union shortly after his 70th birthday, but continued active, alert and interested in all current events, local, statewide, National and International, until he reached "Journey's End" March 17, 1928, in his 91st year. Both he and his wife were buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery at Milton, Delaware.

The general store reached its peak perhaps around the turn of the century. Margaret Ann and Sidney Jarvis were very potent factors in the village and tributary community. She was a wonderful helpmate, a leader in the family of brothers and sisters and the general welfare of the community.

The passing of Sidney A. Jarvis in 1928, marked the close of an era in family and local history. The writer recalls many, many interesting incidents in connection with this outstanding merchant, Postmaster, Rail and Express agent and active citizen in the immediate area and beyond. "Whenever people speak of 'Age being a state of mind', there is the recollection of one afternoon about 1914, when Sidney Jarvis was sitting in front of the general store building which was still open, but with a relatively small volume of business. The automobile sounded the knell for the average village and country crossroads store.

This particular afternoon the late Wrixham McIlvaine, who had retired from the farm and built a home in Harbeson, stopped for an exchange of ideas and comments. Apropos their remarks, uncle Sidney asked Mr. McIlvaine why or how he happened to leave his farm, to which the reply, almost verbatim, was, --- "Because of getting old--just worn out-- I am 64 years old." to which uncle Sidney said, --- "Why Wrixham, I am 77 and do not feel worn out by any means" -- and then he looked up and further said, --- "Wrixham there is Tom Perry hitching his horse to the Hitching rack, let's





ask his age", and by that time, Mr. Perry who had driven in, climbed down actively from his buggy, hitched and was walking over toward the store, listened to the inquiry about his age, and said, --- "Mr. Jarvis I was 87 on my last birthday."

The writer heard Sidney A. Jarvis say on two or three occasions in the 'teens that, --- "As a young man, in fact the most of my life, I have never been robust or considered physically strong, and remember the old family doctor on one occasion advised my mother that I might reach the age of 21 or 25, ---and here I've outlived all my family and all of my contemporary friends and business acquaintances."

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5th                    Theodore Megee Jarvis, b. 5-21-1888 at Harbeston,  
Gener- Delaware, was married 7-10-1907 to Elizabeth (Lizzie)  
ation: Veasey Bryan, b. 7-10-1888, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George  
A. Bryan of Milton, Delaware. They were married by Rev.  
R. T. Coursey, Pastor of Goshen Methodist Church. Their  
children:

6th                    Sidney A. Jarvis, b. 3-22-1909, Harbeson, Delaware  
Gener- Margaret Ann        ", b. 7- 4-1910,                    "  
ation: Mary Elizabeth    ", b.12-22-1912,                    "  
James Tarr        ", b. 8-28-1916                    "

Theodore M. Jarvis (known as Dora) succeeded his father in 1908 as Rail, Express and Western Union Agent at Broadkill station (P. O. Harbeson) and served for five years. He looked after the business interests of the family, was active in Community affairs; In the County activities of the political party to which his father and himself had always been affiliated; Was Past Master of Endeavor Lodge, No. 17, AF&AM, Milton, Delaware. After a relatively short illness he reached "Journey's End" July 23, 1955, aged 67 years and three months. Interment in Harbeson Methodist Church Cemetery.

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6th                    Sidney A. Jarvis II, b. 3-22-1909, was married  
Gener- 11-26-1926 to Gladys Jones, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C.  
ation: Jones of Millsboro, Delaware. Their issue:

7th                    Joane Jarvis

Gener-  
ation:                    Sidney II died in Philadelphia in June 1939. Burial  
at Harbeson Methodist Church Cemetery.

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7th                    Joane Jarvis, daughter of Sidney A. II and his wife  
Gener- Gladys (Jones) Jarvis, married Edward Judd and they have  
ation: a daughter, Joane Judd, who is, of course, of the 8th  
                         generation.

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6th                    Margaret Ann Jarvis, b. 7-4-1910, was married to Edwin  
Gener- Hudson of Georgetown, Delaware in 1928. No children.  
ation:

Margaret married a second time on 5-29-1931, the groom  
being Howard Abbott, of Georgetown, Proprietor and oper-  
ator of Bedford Motors Pontiac Agency in that town. Their  
children:

7th                    Howard Abbott Jr., Field man with Allied Mills, (in 1961)  
Gener- Andrew Abbott,                    With his father, Pontiac Auto (in 1961)  
ation: J. Tim Abbott,                    In High school, as of 1961. (in 1961)  
                         Jay Dean Abbott,                    In Grade school, Georgetown. (in 1961)

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6th                    Mary Elizabeth Jarvis, b. 12-22-1912, at Harbeson.  
Gener- After graduating from High school at Georgetown, she trained  
ation: and graduated from Milford Hospital as a Registered Nurse.  
                         She was married 10-17-1936 to Michael Groverman. Their  
                         issue:

7th                    Carolyn Jarvis Groverman, b. at Milford, Delaware.  
Gener- After graduating from High school, attended Business school  
ation: and, as of 1961, was employed in the Procurement office  
                         of the State Board of Education of Delaware.

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6th                    James Tarr Jarvis, b. 8-28-1916 at Harbeson. He has  
Gener- remained at home and served as Rural Mail Carrier from  
ation: Harbeson P. O. for many years, retiring from that position  
                         in the late 1950s. He is unmarried as of 1961.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: GEORGE EDWARD MEGEE, b. 9-5-1958, son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. He was married 7-12-1884 at Portland, Maine to Jessie Dodge, b. 9-6-1864, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Jacob Dodge of that city. No children by this marriage.

George E. followed in the footsteps of his older brothers and "Went to sea" at an early age. He became a Master Mariner as a comparatively young man. He met his future wife during a voyage to her home city.

Captain George E. purchased the Wallace Veasey farm on the Harbeson-Milton public highway, about one and one-half miles North of Harbeson, and retired there. He later sold it to Charles Pettyjohn and wife and it came to be known as the Charlie Pettyjohn farm.

After the sale of the farm, Captain George E. and wife moved to Philadelphia in the late 1890s. However, the lure of Milton was greater than the city. They returned and later built a brick home on Behringer Avenue in Milton, on the North side of Broadkill river, and resided there for many years.

He never lost his love of the sea and ships. He had the steam propelled ship MARIE THOMAS built with the objective of operating boat service between Milton and Philadelphia. It was in a different era---the Railroad had reached Milton around 1898-1899 and, when the MARIE THOMAS was launched in 1906, the automobile was becoming well established and only awaited the building of concrete and other types of improved roads to write "Finis" to water transportation by either sail or steam propelled boats, not only on the Broadkill river, but on the many other tributaries of the Delaware and Chesapeake bays.

The writer has many interesting recollections of Capt. George and his very fine wife. She always retained her native "Down-East" accent. Among a large number of stories which might be related, there isn't any more apropos than the following which carries with it a strong moral of family loyalty and unity.

Captain George drove a model "T" Ford for many years but, with their discontinuance around 1928-'29, he purchased a gear shift auto and for a little while found some difficulty in adjusting himself to gear shift driving. One afternoon the Captain, with his good wife on the front seat and his younger sister on the rear seat, left the home on the North side and drove downtown and, as reported, the drive was practically all the way in second gear. The sister said that his wife complained to George (which she pronounced with a broad "a"--almost as if spelled 'Jage') rather vigorously, but without any favorable action, concerning the driving in second gear (she did not drive).





They drove into a Gas Service Station and the proprietor had apparently noticed the approach of the car in second gear. After filling the gas tank he came around to the driver's side and said,---"Captain you are going to ruin this new car unless you learn to drive it properly"--- he then turned and went inside to get change.

Whereupon his wife spoke up promptly,-----"Now, George (Jaage), when he comes back you tell him this is 'ouah' car and we will drive it as we please."

Again referring to the selective marine items from the files of Weekly News Letters, from Milton to the Milford, Delaware CHRONICLE, which Miss Sarah Atkins sent Captain T. Clarke Conwell:

From the 1895 file:---"Captain Jacob Dodge and wife of the State of Maine are now visiting Captain George E. Megee and wife of near town. They are Mrs. Megee's parents."

From the 1896 files:---"Six years ago Captain George E. Megee gave up his big coastwise schooner, the MARY E. JUDGE, and bought the Wallace Veasey farm near town and there erected a fine mansion home, and this week he leaves the soil of Sussex and moves to Philadelphia. We wish the Captain and his New England wife a prosperous future."

Further from Captain Conwell's memorandum of May 5, 1959,-----"Miss Sarah Atkins has been of great assistance in my undertaking. She very kindly expanded by personal research, my list of Milton sea Captains, by 20 names. Additionally these selected Marine items copied from the weekly news letters to the Milford CHRONICLE are very interesting and very enlightening, in that they serve to give a glimpse of the NEWS there, during the period stated, in which era, the building, launchings, arrivals and sailings of vessels, together with the arrivals and departures for the sea, of Milton Captains and other seamen, would have comprised a sizeable portion of the said weekly letters."

From Captain Clarke Conwell, late 1960, to the writer,-----"As for the vessels the several Megees commanded, here is the tally on those,----who commanded vessels built at Milton:

Capt. William Henry	-----	1873, ---JOHN JOHNSON
		1881, HENRY WADDINGTON
Capt. John R.	-----	1877, ---JOHN JOHNSON
		1884, EMMA J. MEYER
		1900, GEORGE TAULANE JR.
		1909, MARIE THOMAS
Capt. Theodore Burton	-----	1882, ---JOHN JOHNSON
		1885, HENRY WADDINGTON





Capt. George E. ----- 1885, ---CHARLES A. COULOMB  
 1887, MARY B. JUDGE  
 1906, MARIE THOMAS

Capt. Caleb R. ----- 1890, ---HENRY WADDINGTON

\*Capt. Charles T. ----- 1883, ---GEORGE W. FENNIMORE

\*NOTE---(See narrative of Captain Charles T. Megee, under 4th generation, --son of Noah W. Megee, Shipbuilder, Milton, Delaware.

Captain George E. was a member of Goshen Methodist Church and a member of Endeavor Lodge No. 17, AF&AM, at Milton, from August 22, 1883 until he reached "Journey's End", August 7, 1933.

His widow, Jessie (Dodge) Megee, continued to reside in Milton, in a smaller size home, for more than eight years, until summoned to that "Eternal Home" on April 17, 1942. Both were buried in the lot, which he purchased in 1888, in Milton Methodist Church Cemetery, first, for his father in 1888, and about three years later for his mother, ---the late Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. Captain George E. and his wife were approximately 75 years and 77½ years respectively.

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4th                    CALEB RODNEY MEGEE, b. 11-10-1861 at Milton, Dela-  
 Gener- ware, son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. He was  
 ation: married on 1-4-1891, in Galveston, Texas to Una Pascoe  
 by Rev. Horn of the Methodist Church of that city. Their  
 children:

5th                    Gladys Una Megee, b. 1-10-1892, at Sabine Pass, Texas  
 Gener- Mary Letha            "            , b. 7- 8-1893, "            "            "  
 ation: The third, a son, died in infancy

The lure of the sea, its means of a livelihood, and the success of his four older brothers, made a seafaring man of Caleb R. He sailed with his brothers and served as first mate with Captains John R. and William H. Megee. During several occasional voyages between the North Atlantic and Galveston he met his future wife.

Una Pascoe was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi 8-26-1864. However, her parents moved to Galveston shortly after the close of the war between the States, probably late 1865 or early 1866. A picture, taken of her during a honeymoon voyage to visit Delaware relatives of her husband's, confirms the reports of several Delaware members of the family that she was a strikingly attractive and wonderful woman. The writer saw her in the early Autumn of 1941, at the age of 77, in connection with a business trip to Texas, following which he was privileged to spend two days in the Houston area. She was a well preserved, very active and very gracious lady.

Aunt Una, two daughters and son-in-law with true Texan hospitality and loyalty were very anxious to spend a day on an auto tour of Houston,---"The fastest growing city of the Southwest"---or any other place desired. It was suggested that, in the event practical to do so, an auto trip to Galveston would be "Just fine" and preferable to anything else.

Left Houston reasonably early the following morning from the downtown hotel. The weather was ideal---lunch at the major hotel in Galveston, adjacent to and overlooking the Gulf of Mexico---a walk along the famous seawall erected subsequent to the great hurricane and flood of 1900---also a view of their former Galveston home. On the return drive to Houston a stop was made to view the Battleship TEXAS---anchored in a Bayou off the Houston Ship Canal at San Jacinto and open to visitors. A stop was also made at Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery, at Hitchcock, Texas, where (Uncle) Captain Caleb R. sleepeth,---a beautiful location.

Following the return to Houston late that afternoon, Aunt Una showed the writer a few copies of the Vicksburg,





Mississippi newspaper, printed on wall paper during the period of the Union Army's siege of Vicksburg in 1864. Her father was a printer and he produced the "Wall paper issues" and preserved a few copies for their daughter Una, who in turn had given them to her two daughters, Gladys Una (Megee) Brill and Mary Letha (Megee) Clark. These old issues were most interesting and a reminder of the grim, serious and tragic days of 1864, especially the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The Souvenir Program of Milton, Delaware Sesqui-Centennial in 1957, on page 62, listed the sea Captains from Milton and the tributary area of Broadkill Hundred showing a total of 104 names. (This total has been substantially increased as result of the later research by Captain T. Clarke Conwell.) Among those listed were:

John R.----William H.----Theodore B.----George E.----and Caleb R. Megee. A note at the bottom of the page reads; "They apparently represent the largest family group of brothers, of one Broadkill Hundred generation ever to become sea Captains;" and they were all ocean sailing ship Masters.

The Souvenir Program above mentioned also listed Captains Walter Burton (Burt) and Ralph Davidson Megee, sons of Capt. William H. Megee. Additionally, there was listed Captain Charles T. Megee, a cousin three times removed of the five brothers, in the paragraph immediately preceding this one. The last named was a son of Noah W. Megee, a ship-builder of Milton. See THIRD generation for the narrative covering Noah W. Megee, and see FOURTH generation for Capt. Charles T. (The name of Captain Clarence C. Megee, son of Captain John R. Megee, was apparently overlooked in the compilation of the Souvenir Program.) However, the writer is sure that it will be included in Capt. T. Clarke Conwell's earlier mentioned historical record of Vessels built upon the banks of the Broadkill river and the latest compilation of sea Captains originating at, or tributary to, Milton, Delaware.

Captain Caleb R. commanded the schooner HENRY WADDINGTON on at least one of his several voyages from the North Atlantic to Galveston, Texas, as verified by Customs clearance papers, in 1890. However, following his marriage in 1891, he spent a number of years as first mate on the Steamer PENSACOLA, which operated on a schedule between Galveston and Tampa-Pensacola, Florida. He was in Pensacola when the great hurricane and flood of September 8, 1900 hit Galveston and the entire Gulf Coast of Texas. Galveston was a city of approximately 37,000, and the loss of 6,000 lives has been published as the best estimate, and the one generally accepted for this great catastrophe.





Cousin Gladys U. (Megee) Brill, in a letter of 1960, commenting upon the 1900 hurricane and flood, said---"We were taken in rowboat to the Medical College of the University of Texas, one block from our home. There were two houses on the large lot which were owned by my grandmother Pascoe, and we lived in one, (a corner location) and our house was washed off of its foundation after we had been removed, and everything in it was lost. We afterward lived for a time with grandmother (a widow) and her unmarried daughter, (my aunt).

Gladys U. was about 8½ years old and her sister Letha was about 7 years old at the time of the disaster. Gladys further states,----"That great disaster caused father to quit-----sailing the deep seas and he subsequently commanded tug boats in Galveston Harbor area,----then the Galveston Pilot boat, and later served several years as a licensed Pilot at Galveston and Texas City Harbors."

Captain Caleb R. made a visit to Milton and vicinity in 1895. The writer has a distinct recollection of a family re-union (children and descendants available, of the late Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee) on the Harbeson-Milton highway, at the home of Captain George E. Megee. Again from the selected list of Maritime items in the Milton News Letter to the Milford Chronicle:

From an issue of about early September 1895:---"Capt. Caleb R. Megee, a native of Milton, but now a resident of Galveston, Texas, is visiting his many relatives and friends here, all of whom tender him a heartfelt welcome. Captain Megee will return home about October 1st."

NOTE: Accompanied by his older daughter, Mrs. Harry K. Brill, (nee Gladys U. Megee) he made a last visit to Delaware, of about three weeks, in August, 1926.

To hear the several brothers (the five Captains)---at periodical get-togethers, especially the three or four of Harbeson-Milton, relate some of their experiences during their many years of "Going to sea"---Coastwise and foreign trade, ranging from about 1870 to about 1910-1912, prior to the era of combustion engines or radio communication was a real treat. The only regret is that there was no record kept for historical usage in future years by their descendants.

Captain Caleb R. Megee and wife moved from Galveston to Houston in 1930. He reached "Journey's End" there on 1-20-1934, aged about 72 years and two months. He was the last survivor of the eight adult sons of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. His widow, Aunt Una (Pascoe) Megee, continued to live in Houston until "Summoned Home" June 4, 1942, almost 78 years of age. She was buried in Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery at Hitchcock, Texas, beside her husband of 43 years.





5th                    Gladys Una Megee, b. 1-10-1892 at Sabine Pass, Texas,  
 Gener-                was married 7-12-1916 to Harry Karl Brill, b. 4-2-1890.  
 ation:                They were married in Trinity Episcopal Church of Galveston  
                          by Rev. Charles Aves. Harry K. Brill was born at Calif-  
                          ornia, Missouri, son of Karl and Marie Dollinger Brill.  
                          Their issue:

6th                    Harry Kale Brill, b. 11-15-1918, at Galveston, Texas  
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 ation:                Harry Karl Brill was a graduate pharmacist of the Uni-  
                          versity of Texas (Medical Branch at Galveston). He con-  
                          ducted successful drugstores in Houston for many years. He  
                          sold his business and retired about 1950. He and his brother-  
                          in-law (Joseph A. Sauls) purchased a ranch of some 700 acres  
                          near Johnson City, Blanco County, Texas, about 55 miles  
                          North of San Antonio. They built two lovely homes, adja-  
                          cent, one to the other.

Following a business meeting of two days in San Antonio  
 in Early Autumn 1952, District Manager Wasson (Southwest  
 District, of the Association of American Railroads' office  
 Headquarters, Dallas, Texas) secured a Hertz drive-yourself  
 car and a trip was made to Johnson City, thence the joint  
 Brill-Sauls ranch, about 80 miles. Left San Antonio about  
 2:30 P.M. Were they surprised!----When Harry came out to  
 the car and recognized the writer, he let out a yell, which  
 could have equalled a Comanche war whoop,--to those in the  
 two homes---"Come out here".

After a wonderful visit of a few hours including a de-  
 licious dinner---the return trip was made to San Antonio,  
 the railroad sleeper boarded for Dallas, thence to Oklahoma  
 City for a one-day stopover, and then back to the National  
 Capital.

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6th                    Harry Kale Brill, b. 11-15-1918 in Galveston, Texas,  
 Gener-                was married 5-31-1941 to Dorothy Rodgers, daughter of Mr.  
 ation:                and Mrs. Dee Rodgers of Houston, Texas. The writer had the  
                          privilege of meeting the lovely bride, and the groom, dur-  
                          ing the early Autumn visit (previously reported upon under  
                          the narrative of Captain Caleb R. Megee). A wonderful  
                          couple, who joined the parents of the groom, Harry K. and  
                          Gladys U. (Megee) Brill, his grandmother, and his Aunt for  
                          dinner at the home of said parents in Houston. Their issue:

7th                    Barbara Ann Brill, b. 2-16-1945, in Houston, Texas  
 Gener-                Diane Louise        "        , b. 5-31-1946,        "        "  
 ation:

Harry Kale Brill graduated as a Mechanical Engineer  
 from Rice University, Houston. He entered World War II  
 service 7-18-1942 as an Ensign, U. S. Navy Reserve:---He had  
 28 months in the Pacific; 7 months in Balboa; 21 months on





the U. S. S. GRISWOLD (DE-7); was made Executive Officer in May 1945 and in August 1945, was made Commanding Officer of U. S. S. FRANCOVICH (APD-116). On Terminal leave March 26, 1946.

He was associated with the Sales Department of the A.O. Smith Corporation in the Houston and Oklahoma branch territories, serving as District Manager the latter part of the time. He was promoted to the Home Office Headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1960, as General Sales Manager of the Atomic and Process Equipment Division. A very gratifying career for Harry Kale since the close of World War II. However, the leaving of Texas and new "trail blazing" for this fine family of four was a great change; also a great temporary loss to the parents, of both Harry and Dorothy.

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5th                    Mary Letha Megee, (known as Letha), b. 7-8-1893 in  
Gener- Sabine Pass, Texas. She was married 9-3-1919 to Norman  
ation: Valentine Clark, born 11-7-1891 Clarksburg, Missouri, son  
of Dutton Valentine Clark and his wife, Roetta (Martin)  
Clark. They were married by Rev. Davis, in the Central  
Methodist Church, Galveston, Texas.

They resided for several years in Kansas City, Mo. and then in Denver, Colorado in which city Norman reached "Journey's End" much too early in life, ---December 16, 1937, aged 46 years and one month. No children. Letha returned to Texas to live with her mother, in Houston, and was so located when the writer met her for the first time, in the Autumn of 1941.

Letha was married a second time on 5-8-1946, at Columbus, Texas to Joseph Absolom Sauls, b. 12-29-1898 at Fayetteville, Texas. Though born in Texas he was reared practically all of his youth to the age of about 21 in St. Louis and attended George Washington University in that city. His parents moved back to Texas in 1920.

Joseph A. Sauls was a most interesting and impressive man. The writer had the pleasure of visiting with Letha and "Jay", (known as "Jay" by reason of his initials--J.A.) for a brief few hours at their home in Houston, enroute from a two day business meeting in Galveston to Washington, D. C., in the early Autumn of 1947. A stopover of about seven hours.

Met him a second time at their Ranch home in the Autumn of 1952, mentioned earlier under the narrative of Gladys and Karry K. Brill.

"Jay" was a Civil Engineer and, as "Water Engineer" for the city of Houston, he helped develop a long range plan for Houston's water supply in 1927-1928. He was engaged later in Construction work, and at one time was Vice-President of the Tellepson Construction Company, headquarters Houston.

He was of Irish extraction, --- "A member of the Episcopal Church, and was Past Master of both Houston Lodge AF&AM, No. 1189, and the Houston Commandery No. 95, Knights Templar, and Arabia Temple Shrine. He was National President of Theta XI, a social fraternity, also a member of Texas Professional Engineers."

It was a great shock to receive advice from Letha of Jay's being "Called Home" suddenly on Tuesday, April 29, 1958 by heart attack at his home near Johnson City, Blanco County, Texas.---"Services in Houston May 1, 1958, with burial in Forest Park Cemetery, this city."





NOTE:---The quotations used in the three paragraphs immediately above,---were taken by the writer from a lengthy write-up in the HOUSTON CHRONICLE dated April 30, 1958.

The supervision of the Ranch was then really too much for Harry K. Brill to carry on alone and they sold it with much reluctance and retired to a relatively nearby average small city---Kerrville, Texas, somewhat Northwest of San Antonio.

Harry Karl and Gladys U. (Megee) Brill live on Mockingbird Lane, while Letha (Megee) Sauls lives nearby on Tanager Street, of the same city. They are active in Church and Community affairs in this city of approximately 15,000 people and like it very much. After having been away from Houston for about eight years, they believed that a city like Kerrville would be preferable to the largest city in that great state,---Houston.

A letter dated January 28, 1961, reads in part,---"This is a nice town and always something going on---There is an Art Foundation with teachers coming from the East during the Summer. There is also a Summer Theatre group. Harry was asked to help out at one of the Drug stores temporarily right after we came here, until they could find a druggist. And last January 1960, the druggist at the local hospital pharmacy was operated on, in Houston and was five months in getting back to work. I think that it is fine for him to be able to help out during vacation or sickness, but hope such temporary needs will not be of too long duration per call."----From Gladys U. (Megee) Brill. Christmas cards from both cousins in 1961 with a brief message.

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4th                    ALFRED HOPKINS MEGEE, b. 1-10-1865, (known as Al. or  
Gener-           Alfred. Also by many as "Capt. Al.") Born in Milton, Dela-  
ation:           ware, son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. He was  
                 married December 6, 1887 to Elva Naudain Rash, the oldest  
                 of nine (9) adult children of Daniel and Harriet (Barbour)  
                 Rash, farmer of St. Jones' Neck, (Holcomb farm) Kent County,  
                 near Dover, Delaware. They were married by Rev. T. E.  
                 Terry. Their children:

5th	Caleb Rodney Megee, b. 12- 7-1888, farm, near Milton, Dela.
Gener-	Ernest Edward        ", b. 5-18-1891,        " ,        "        "
ation:	Elsie Mae            ", b. 7-14-1895,        " ,        Harbeson,        "
	James Alfred        ", b. 4-19-1900,        " ,        "        "
	*Emory Rash        ", b. 4- 3-1906,        " ,        "        "
	Lawrence Nelson    ", b. 9- 8-1908,        " ,        "        "

(Note) ----- Emory Rash Megee, died 4-9-1906.

Alfred H., as a young man followed in the footsteps of his older brothers. He became a seaman and sailed with Captain John R. and for the latter portion of his time as a mariner he served as second mate but abandoned the "Briny deep" as a vocation in February 1886. Early in the Spring of 1887 he met his future wife in St. Jones' Neck, Kent County, and following their marriage, December 6 of that year, they moved to the Captain Tomlinson farm, known as "High Hill", located on the road Milton to Red Mill and Lewes, East of Holland's pond.

On January 1, 1893, they moved to the "Down Neck" farm of the late Coard Warrington, near the Oyster Rocks. In the absence of Alfred H. and family the major portion of one Sunday in mid-year 1894, calling on relatives in the Harbeson area, a fire destroyed the barn and contents. Fortunately all live stock was out to pasture in a nearby field. Illustrative of communications at that time, Alfred and family had no knowledge of the fire until approaching home about 8:00 pm when apprised by a near neighbor.

On January 1, 1895 they moved to the Captain William H. Megee farm, on the Harbeson-Milton public highway, about one mile North of Harbeson. (This was the farm where grandfather Moses Megee lived during the last seven years-plus of his lifespan.) The national economic conditions showed some improvements and crops at this location were more diversified. In the late 1890s Alfred began buying piling and mine props, "on the stump", then cutting, hauling and loading from wharves on the Broadkill river, aboard vessels or on railroad open top cars, at two or three locations, as most convenient.

The piling were used principally for the maintenance of docks and piers in the Wilmington, Chester, and Philadelphia port areas, with some moving to the New York water-





front, while the mine props were shipped to the anthracite mines in Eastern Pennsylvania for use in their operations.

Harbeson Public school (at that time a one-room building with one teacher was equipped with some 14 to 16 desks suitable for seating two pupils at each desk) was about a mile walk, in each direction. Harbeson Methodist Church was attended regularly.

The teachers at the school (a new one every second or third year) were good. Miss Susie Davidson, E. Wise Warren, J. Clarence Lank and Miss Cornelia Register were among those under whom the writer was enrolled. They taught the basics, ---"Reading, Writing and 'Rithmetic," ---History by Barnes, Warren's Common school Geography, Brook's Arithmetic, Physiology, Spelling (both verbal and written) exercises---were the major studies. All ages of pupils from six to 19 years, possibly 20 years. Each was fitted into classes for which they were suited or qualified.

The drawing of maps and bounding the several States and foreign countries was excellent training. One teacher required singing the State Capitals, at least once per week, repeating each State and Capital twice; for example, starting with "Maine, --Augusta, Maine, --Augusta---New Hampshire, Concord---New Hampshire, -Concord," for the 45 States and the territories, (at that time). Spelling "Bees" were about every second Friday afternoon, and a "Question Box" exercise on a semi-monthly basis, etc.

In November 1901 Alfred H. Megee purchased at public sale the David J. Ennis farm, adjacent to Harbeson, on the public highway from Harbeson to Hollyville-Oak Orchard, or to Millsboro via Zoar, on the East side of the road, described as:

"All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, lying and being in Broadkiln Hundred, County of Sussex, State of Delaware, fronting on the improved State Highway from Harbeson, etc.\*\*\*\*\*, conveyed to David J. Ennis (sic) by James S. Hood and Hester Hood, his wife by Deed dated September 24, 1850, Deed Record 57, p. 426. (Deed recites only that lands formerly belonged to James N. Hood, deceased). Apparently the latter was the father of James S. Hood.

"Conveyed to Alfred H. Megee by Robert C. White, Administrator of the estate of David J. Ennis, by deed dated November 25, 1901, Deed Record 139, p. 186". Reported as containing 105 acres, more or less.

On January 1, 1904 Alfred H. and Elva Naudain (Rash) Megee moved from the Captain William H. Megee farm to the





one purchased in November 1901. A new portion (large living room and bedroom above) had been built in the meantime, as an addition to the original house, as of purchase date.

Alfred H. was an active member of Harbeson Methodist Church and interested in all Civic and Community affairs. In 1914 he was elected a member of the old Sussex County Levy Court, being the only Republican to carry the 10th Representative district in that election year.

After a heart illness of two months, "Captain Al. (as he was known to many) was "Summoned Home" on March 4, 1933, aged about 68 years and 2 months. Services at Harbeson Church and burial in the adjoining Cemetery. His widow moved a few months later, from the farm to Harbeson.

Following the passing of Alfred H. Megee in the depth of the great depression, the home farm was divided and one half sold. The remaining one-half, on which the dwelling was located, was held by Elva N. Megee as the "Widow's dower" until conveyed almost 14 years later to the Sussex Trust Company, Milton, Delaware, by said Elva N. Megee by deed dated December 28, 1946, Deed Record 367, - p. 104. This portion was later conveyed by the said Trust Company to William B. Wilson by deed dated January 8, 1949, Deed Record 382, p. 522.

The oldest daughter of Caleb R. and Lydia D. Megee, namely Jane (Megee) Willey, was for several years, member of a Club for wives of the Faculty of Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh by reason of her husband, Calvin M. Willey, being Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering there. Each month a member was invited to give a brief talk or make some contribution to the program of the meeting. In early 1953 Jane presented a paper titled, "My Most Unforgettable Living Character"--- a "Take-off" of the title used in the Reader's Digest from time to time. She subsequently furnished the writer a copy of her paper and the following excerpts are quoted because the writer believes they truly represented the individual who was used as the subject.

"As a youngster accompanied by my two younger sisters, a portion of the Summer vacation, during the second half of the 1920s, and early 1930s was spent at the farm house of the subject of my remarks.

I learned to ride a horse around the farm, milk a cow and help with the chores, \*\*\*\*\*. The lady, kind but firm, of the highest integrity, -friendly to all but, only real close to a few-----independent in thought but always willing to lend a helping hand---- a good listener and keen thinker but, not too free with advice----yet always possessed of a great sense of humor, and never complained."





"I always enjoy receiving a letter from her. The spelling may not always be 100%, and the sentences may be short, but there's always some challenging ideas concisely, yet clearly expressed, always some cheerful thought, some bit of philosophy, and a heap of comfort."

"To my mind this lady has lived in one of the greatest periods of our Nation, 1868 to the present time. As a child of eight years, she attended the Centennial of 1876, along with her father, and has a very good memory of the first telephone, and many other new inventions and exhibits she saw in the two days in Philadelphia."

"She has witnessed an evolution in agricultural production; In the matter of inventions and industrial development; Social changes and improved standards of living; An unprecedented four score years of progress in transportation and communication, through the medium of the Railroads, Automobiles, Airplanes and improved highways; Also the advent of the telephone, radio, television and a wealth of other important improvements, and inventions too numerous to mention."

She does not require glasses to read or sew. My hope is that she may have many, many more birthdays. Her next one will be the 85th. May I present to you through these brief remarks, ---MY MOST UNFORGETTABLE LIVING CHARACTER, MY PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER."

Robert (Bob) L. Megee, Fort Pierce Beach, Florida, in a letter received by the writer January 4, 1961, in which he commented upon and asked the progress of The Family Tree Project, offered the following suggestion:

"In writing the remarks concerning your father and his family, Caleb, I would like to ask that, ----- 'please do not omit reference to Uncle Al's prowess with gun and dog in bird hunting.' I shall always cherish the memory of the days with him, when he introduced me to the art of gunning for quail. In later years when I had a successful day afield in Tennessee, I thought of him as my Mentor. I believe that Nelson succeeded him in the skill of hunting."

Knowing how much father enjoyed hunting, it is indeed a pleasure to carry out Bob's thoughtful request.

The widow, Elva N. (Rash) Megee, --- (a wonderful mother) enjoyed the 23 years in the village of Harbeson, of which some 21 or 22 years were in a small home erected for her -- large enough to meet all needs, surrounded by good neighbors, and in reasonable proximity to four of the children. She said to the writer on several occasions that she was well situated; telephone and radio, frequent callers and frequent visits with one or more of her children, and vice-





versa. She reached "Journey's End" suddenly with only four or five days illness, September 25, 1956, at her home. Burial in Harbeson Church Cemetery, September 28, --- one day prior to her 88th birthday.

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5th Caleb R. Megee, b. 12-7-1888 near Milton, Delaware, son  
Gener- of Alfred H. and Elva Naudain (Rash) Megee. He was married  
ation: on 9-29-1913, in Embury Memorial Methodist Church, of Brook-  
lyn, New York, to Lydia S. Dockety, b. 12-28-1888 near  
Glasgow, Delaware, daughter of William and Clara (Dayett)  
Dockety. The marriage service by Rev. John Maynard, Pastor  
of the above named church. Witnesses, Mrs. Maynard, and  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fuller, ranking Agent, for the Penn-  
sylvania Railroad, in the New York City metropolitan area,  
and a very active member in the church named. Their issue:

6th William Rodney Megee, b. 8-17-1914, at Harbeson, Delaware  
Gener- Vera Jane " , b. 3- 4-1916, " "  
ation: Clara Margaret " , b. 2-22-1918, " Greenwood, "  
Barbara Dockety " , b. 8-22-1920, " "

NOTE:---William Rodney (known as Rodney) died April 5, 1917, at Harbeson. Burial in the family lot of Alfred H. and Elva N. Megee, aged 2 years, 7 months and 19 days.

Caleb R. as a youth was fascinated by the click of the telegraph instruments and the agency work at the railroad station, and at a relatively early age he was taught the basics of the Morse telegraph code and the principles of a Rail Agent's work by Sidney A. Jarvis, agent-operator (and Uncle by marriage) at Broadkill, (P.O. Harbeson) Delaware. His first employment in railroad service was assistant to the Agent-Operator at Easton, Maryland, April 1, 1905, at the age of 16 years and about 4 months.

The BC&A Ry., a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad, extended from Baltimore, Maryland, to Claiborne on the Eastern Shore, (44 miles) by steamboat, thence 87 miles by rail through Easton, Hurlock, Salisbury, Berlin, and terminated at Ocean City, Maryland. It operated four passenger trains in each direction, six days per week during the Summer, with two trains on Sundays. Two freights each direction, for a great part of year, and two passenger trains six days per week, September to May. It was a prosperous line, and paid dividends.

The agent at Easton was Martin L. Marvel, one of five children, (4 sons and one daughter) of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Marvel, whose home in the Harbeson area was what is currently known as the Charles A. Davidson farm, west of Harbeson cross-roads, on the road to Georgetown. The four sons were of a contemporary age of Caleb R. (b. 1861)---





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Alfred H. (b. 1865), and Charles Emory Megee, born 1867, and the said Marvel boys attended Harbeson school.

The four Marvel sons all learned telegraphy and spent their business lives with the Railroad Industry. Wallace was agent at Flushing, Long Island, New York, for many years; Martin L., after his initial work with the Norfolk and Western Railway, returned to the Delmarva Peninsula, and was agent at Easton for about 45 years. Wilbur spent his life in the Boston area of the New Haven Railroad and D. D. Marvel, the youngest, was agent-operator at Woodbury, New Jersey for many years, prior to his retirement.

In December 1907, Caleb R. (b. 1888) transferred to the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. During the next fifteen years he worked as Operator, Relief Agent-Operator, Agent at two locations, and as Train Dispatcher in Wilmington for a short time during World War I. Effective April 20, 1923, he became an employee of the Car Service Division, Operations and Maintenance Department of the Association of American Railroads. He served as a field man for six and one-half years, practically all of which was in the Niagara Frontier area, headquarters at Buffalo, New York.

Effective October 1, 1929, he was transferred to Detroit as District Manager of the Great Lakes District. After about four years, he was transferred in the same capacity to the Allegheny District, headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and remained there for over seven years.

Caleb R. was transferred to Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Association of American Railroads, effective January 1, 1941. He served as Manager of the Open Car Section during World War II, having supervision over Railroad-owned gondolas, hoppers and flats, between and among the several railroads of the United States and Canada. He was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Car Service Division, of the A. A. R., in July 1945.

For a period of six months in 1948, he was "on loan" to the Government Agency, Office of Defense Transportation (ODT) as its Director of Railway Transport. After resuming his position with the AAR and concurrently with the regular routine work schedule, he served as Secretary in 1949-1950 of the Special Railroad Transportation Committee, under the Chairmanship of Charles H. Buford, President of the Milwaukee Railroad working with the National Security and Resources Board of the Government, during an exhaustive transportation study with all modes of transport participating.

Caleb R. retired November 30, 1958, after 53 years and eight months of Railroad service. Concurrently with his retirement he was made a Life Member of the National Morse Telegraph Club, Washington Chapter; A Life Member of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents; also of





the Traffic Clubs of both Pittsburgh and Washington. He is a member of the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Lodge, AF&AM, at Georgetown, Delaware, and holds Scottish Rite and Shrine memberships in Washington, D. C. He never lost his early fascination for the railroads of this Country, with which he was so closely associated, especially during World War II and the early Post War years, when an unprecedented job was done by the U. S. Railroads in the movement of the Military forces, their impedimenta and supplies. At no time in the War years was there any failure to meet the needs of rail transport for the Military, on a two ocean war front, and scattered World wide distribution.

The railroads may be said to date from the first spade of earth turned for the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1828, by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Up to November 30, 1958, might well be called 130 years of Rail operation in this country. Caleb R. Megee's continuous service listed above, represented slightly more than 40% of the total years of railroad operations in these United States, to that date.

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6th                    Vera Jane Megee, b. 3-4-1916 (known as Jane) daughter  
Gener-                of Caleb R. and Lydia (Dockety) Megee, Graduated from High  
ation:                school in Detroit, Michigan, June 1933. Entered Shadyside  
                      Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1934 as a student  
                      nurse. On account of health, she was required to relin-  
                      quish her ambition to be a Registered Nurse, about three  
                      months prior to graduation of her Class. Later she com-  
                      pleted a Business course, graduating in 1938.

She was employed in late 1938 by Dr. Sidney Chalfant, one of Pittsburgh's outstanding Physicians and Surgeons, where her earlier training was a great asset. She remained with Dr. Chalfant and his associates for six years.

Jane Megee was married in Waverly Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburgh, 11-21-1942 to Calvin M. Willey, b. 5-22-1915, son of Homer K. and Hannah Willey of Regent Square, Pittsburgh.

Calvin Willey was an honor graduate in Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Institute of Technology. He accepted an Instructor ship in Engineering at the College and resigned as Assistant Professor in 1955, having accepted a position as an Engineer in Research with U. S. Steel Company.

Shortly after the change, he was assigned to Chicago, Illinois, and after four years, he was returned to Headquarters of Mechanical Engineering Research in East Pittsburgh. They reside (early 1961) in their home in Penn Hills, a suburban development of metropolitan Pittsburgh, relatively close to the Research Center, and also a con-





venient location for his required travelling, either East or West. No children.

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6th Clara Margaret Megee, (known as Peggy) b. 2-22-1918,  
Gener- graduated from Edgewood High school, Pittsburgh, in 1936,  
ation: where she won a competitive grant of a Scholarship to the  
University of Pittsburgh, where she graduated in June 1940.  
She accepted a position as Commercial teacher in Business  
shorthand and typing in Trafford, Pennsylvania High School,  
a suburb of Pittsburgh, starting September 1940.

She resigned from teaching and was married 11-11-1942,  
at Fort Myers, Florida, to James I. Pogue b. 11-25-1916,  
son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Pogue, of Trafford, Pennsylvania.  
Following his graduation as a Commercial Artist, Jim was  
employed by Ketcham, McLeod and Grove Advertising Agency  
of Pittsburgh, until his voluntary enlistment in the Mili-  
tary service in 1941. He received his "Wings" as Second  
Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, at Officers Training  
School, Midland, Texas, September 1942, at which time Peggy  
and her mother were in attendance.

He was assigned to Fort Myers Air Base, where Peggy  
and he were married in the Methodist Church of that town.  
Peggy's mother and sister Barbara were present at the  
wedding. Peggy and Jim came home for the 1942 Christmas  
holidays, (at Washington and Trafford). In March 1943,  
his group (at that time at Lake Wales, Florida) was ordered  
overseas to North Africa for the Mediterranean theatre of  
War activities. Peggy returned home in Washington, D. C.

On May 29 in the late afternoon, a message was re-  
ceived from the Adjutant General for Peggy, advising "with  
regret" that Lieutenant James I. Pogue was killed May 14.  
It was one of thousands of similar messages received in  
American homes, between 1941 and 1946, but only those who  
received such advices can really appreciate these tragic  
situations. His remains were later returned, and interred  
with Military honors, in the National Government Cemetery,  
at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Their issue, a daughter.

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7th Judy Jane Pogue, daughter of Lieutenant James I. and  
Gener- Clara Margaret (Megee) Pogue, was born 9-11-1943 at Doctors  
ation: Hospital, Washington, D. C. She attended Lafayette Ele-  
mentary, Alice Deale Junior High, and graduated from Wilson  
High in June 1961. She registered at the Margaret Morrison  
School for Women, of Carnegie Institute of Technology,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in September, 1961.





Judy is a member of Chevy Chase (D.C.) Presbyterian Church, a member of the Choir there, and has served as an officer of Fireside, the 'teen agers youth organization of the church.

After Judy was 8 or 9 years old, Peggy, her mother, accepted a position as Secretary to the Professor of Bio-Chemistry, and Chairman of that Department of the School of Medicine, of the George Washington University, and has continued there since.

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Barbara Dockety Megee, b. 8-22-1920, was graduated from Edgewood High School, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania in 1938. She was subsequently employed in secretarial work by the U. S. Steel Corporation (General offices) for more than two and one-half years, prior to moving to Washington, D. C. May 1, 1941.

She married Lee B. Cole, on 7-9-1952 in the Methodist Church of Bethesda, Maryland. Lee was born in Hamilton, Ohio. He enlisted in the Marines in 1942 from his home city and served throughout World War II, principally in the Pacific theatre. He was a Staff Sergeant at time of marriage. They had no children.

Barbara has held a Secretarial position on Capitol Hill since shortly after coming to Washington. She was married a second time on 6-13-1963, in the Methodist Church Parsonage at Rockville, Maryland. The groom being William Thomas Wells, (known as Bill), son of Allen and Martha Wells, of Raleigh, North Carolina, a graduate of North Carolina State University, with a degree in Industrial Management. Served in Korea---a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. Presently (mid-year 1963) a Departmental Manager of the Montgomery-Ward Company store in Landover Hills, Maryland (greater Washington area). They reside on Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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5th Ernest Edward Megee, b. 5-18-1891 on the Captain Tom-  
 Gener- linson farm near Milton, Delaware, son of Alfred H. and  
 ation: Elva N. (Rash) Megee. He was married on 5-5-1915 to Ressie  
 I. Scarborough b. 2-22-1888, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis  
 F. Scarborough of Street, Harford County, Maryland. How-  
 ever, the family moved to Delaware and had lived in the  
 Harbeson area for several years. Ressie I. taught in the  
 Public schools of Sussex County prior to her marriage.  
 Their children:

6th Elva Elizabeth Megee, b. 1-12-1917, on farm, near Lewes, Dela.  
 Gener- Ernest E. Megee Jr., b. 10-9-1918, " " " " "  
 ation: Edna Isabelle Megee, b. 2-1-1920, " " " " "  
 William Virden Megee, b. 4-20-1928, " " " " "

Ernest E. Sr., adopted full time agriculture as a voca-  
 tion and was a successful farmer. He operated one of the  
 largest farms in Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred for several  
 years. In 1929, having qualified and been appointed Rural  
 Mail Carrier, and incidentally the first Rural Carrier to  
 serve from Rehoboth Beach, Post Office, he continued for a  
 short time his farm operations concurrently with work of the  
 Rural Mail Carrier.

In 1932 Ernest and Ressie purchased approximately 20  
 acres of land about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles Northwest of Rehoboth on the  
 main highway, Rehoboth to Lewes-Georgetown and Up-state,  
 near Midway Church. Having completed the erection of a  
 commodious home on the new property, they disposed of their  
 livestock and heavy machinery and moved to their new home  
 in January 1, 1934 where they have since resided (1962).

In 1934 Ernest started some light farming as a small  
 broiler grower, also as a breeder of Standard bred and  
 Registered race horses, a follow-up, he says, of the Megees  
 trait for good horses.

Having reached the age of 65 years and having served  
 27 years in Government service, he retired on June 1, 1956.  
 Since this last date he has devoted his time to broilers  
 and horses. They are both active in Community affairs.

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6th Elva Elizabeth Megee, (known as Elva), b. 1-12-1917 on  
 Gener- a farm near Lewes. She was married 5-3-1941, at Central  
 ation: Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware, to John Harry  
 Curtis Nickle of that town. Their children:

7th John Harry Nickle Jr., b. 9-3-1947, at Wilmington, Dela.  
 Gener- Elva Isabelle " , b. 2-26-1951, " " "  
 ation: Elizabeth Curtis " , b. 4-12-1953, " " "  
 Henry Ernest " , b. 5-29-1957, " " "





Elva E. (Megee) Nickle graduated from Lewes High School, thence to Beacon School of Business, Wilmington, Delaware. She was employed as Secretary for Tikiob Real Estate and Insurance, at Rehoboth, thence to a Secretarial position with the duPont Company in Wilmington for ten years. She is active in Church and Civic affairs in the home town of Delaware City. In 1961 she was serving as Superintendent of Christ Episcopal Church School.

John Harry Nickle (known as Harry) graduated from Delaware City High School in 1930 as President of the Senior. He attended Beacom School of Business. He was elected Mayor of Delaware City for four successive terms of two years each, 1939 to 1947. He entered Military service 5-17-1943 and was honorably discharged 1-23-1944.

He was associated with duPont Company for 18 years as Supervisor at the Experimental Station at Henry Clay, Delaware. He and his wife are both associated with Insurance and Real Estate Agency work in their home town. He is also active in civic and community affairs, including the Church. He is a member of Jackson Lodge AF&AM, the Building and Loan Association, the local Fire Company, local Service Clubs, etc., of Delaware City.

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6th                    Ernest E. Megee Jr., b. 10-9-1918 near Lewes, Delaware.  
Gener-                He was married 3-1-1940 to Arnelda Edith Ellis at Princess  
ation:                Anne, Maryland, by Rev. Tilghman Smith, Methodist Minister.  
                      She was born at Berlin, Maryland, 12-6-1921, daughter of  
                      Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ellis, who later moved to Rehoboth  
                      Beach, Delaware. Children:

7th                    Ernest E. Megee III, b. 1-28-1941, at Rehoboth Beach, Dela.  
Gener-                Patricia Arnelda                b. 3-11-1944, "                "                "  
ation:

Ernest E. Jr. graduated from Lewes High School in 1936 as President of the Senior Class. He was associated with the canning industry at Rehoboth and was Superintendent of a canning and frozen food plant at Lewes. He invented the first self-propelled lima bean shelling machine.

In 1950 he acquired a substantial interest in the L. Nelson Megee Plumbing Company, Inc. in Georgetown, Delaware, which was later increased to a joint partnership, and the style of the Firm changed to----MEGEE PLUMBING AND HEATING COMPANY, INC.---He holds a Master Plumber's license in Delaware and Maryland.

He is active in civic, municipal and fraternal affairs. While living in Rehoboth Beach he was elected Great Sachem of the Order of Red Men of Delaware, one of the youngest to be so honored in heading this State fraternal organization. He is a Past Master of Henlopen Grange of Lewes; A member of Franklin Lodge No. 12, AF&AM, Georgetown, A





Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Wilmington and a member of the Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club.

Ernest and Arnela (Ellis) Megee are active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Georgetown, in which town they have erected a commodious home which they occupied in 1955.

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6th                    Edna Isabelle Megee, (known as Isabelle) b. 2-1-1920  
Gener-    near Lewes, Delaware. After graduating from Lewes High  
ation:    School, she attended Beacom Business School of Wilmington.

She was married at Lewes, Delaware Presbyterian Church 3-4-1944 to William Frederick Quinn (known as William or Bill) b. 1-23-1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Quinn, Wilmington, Delaware. The marriage service was by Rev. Dr. William Leishman, long time minister of the aforesaid Lewes Church. No children.

Bill Quinn entered Military service, World War II, 4-20-1943. He served overseas in the European Theatre of Operations and was honorably discharged 4-26-1946.

Isabelle has continued her secretarial position with the duPont Company since her marriage. Bill is a lithographer, by vocation, with the Bond Crown and Cork, a subsidiary of the Continental Can Company.

Shortly after their marriage Bill and Isabelle built the home where they have since lived, on Delwood Road, Delwood, a suburb of Wilmington, Delaware.

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6th                    William Virden Megee (known as William or Billy Virden)  
Gener-    born 4-20-1928 near Lewes, Delaware. He was married 8-21-  
ation:    1954 at Reading, Pennsylvania to Mary Adelaide Patrician,  
          b. 10-19-1929, daughter of the late Rev. John H. and Mabel  
          Q. (Evans) Patrician, of Reading, Pennsylvania. The mar-  
          riage service was by Rev. Sweitzer of that city. Their  
          children:

7th                    Melinda Ann Megee, b. 2-18-1956, at Rehoboth Beach, Dela.  
Gener-    William Virden Jr., b. 4- 5-1957, in Wilmington, Delaware  
ation:    Linda Ann,                    b. 3- 2-1959, "                    "                    "  
          Melissa Patrician    b. 7-26-1962, "                    "                    "

NOTE----Melinda Ann Megee, died March 2, 1956.

Mary Adelaide Patrician graduated from East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State Teachers College and was a teacher in Lewes Public School prior to her marriage.





William Virden graduated from the University of Dela. in June 1950 and served in the Korean conflict with the Quartermaster's Board of the Research and Development Agency of the Army. He entered service January 15, 1951 and was honorably discharged 1-14-1953.

He has been associated since January 1953 with the Rollins Leasing Corporation and is now (1961) Director Procurement, Home office in Wilmington, Delaware, with operations extending throughout the country.

Following their marriage Billy Virden and Mary Adelaide Megee lived in Rehoboth Beach until the close of August 1956, at which time they moved to Northern Delaware, and have since resided at Carrcroft, a suburb of greater Wilmington.

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5th                    Elsie Mae Megee, b. 7-14-1895 near Harbeson, Delaware.  
Gener-                The only daughter of Alfred H. and Elva N. (Rash) Megee.  
ation:                She was married 1-5-1916, by Rev. F. J. Phillips, at the  
                         Methodist Church parsonage, Harbeson, Delaware, at 7:45 p.m.  
                         to Granville P. Bryan, born 6-14-1886 near Lewes, son of  
                         Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bryan of near Overbrook, Delaware.  
                         Their children:

6th                    Julia Ann Bryan, b. 3-16-1919, near Lewes, Delaware  
Gener-                Homer Lyons    "    , b.10-10-1925,    "    "    "  
ation:

Granville P. followed agriculture as a vocation. They rented in the Lewes and Rehoboth district for several years. However, in March 1930, Granville purchased the Harry Lyons farm where they had lived for several years and had been very successful in their diversified farming, embracing the staple crops, also livestock and poultry.

Unfortunately, at the relatively early age of about 59 years, Granville reached "Journey's End" 3-30-1946. He was buried at St. George's Episcopal Chapel Cemetery, Indian River Hundred, Sussex County.

After the disposal of personal property, other than household goods, Elsie M. rented the farm and built a home in Rehoboth Beach where she has resided since. Following the marriage of Homer L., he and his wife moved to the farm in 1949, and have since carried on this good farm property.

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6th                    Julia Ann Bryan, (known as Julie) b. 3-16-1919 near  
Gener-                Lewes. She graduated with honors from Lewes High School  
ation:                in 1937 and attended Banks' Business College of Philadelphia,  
                         Pennsylvania. She was married 12-6-1941 to Howard W. Smith,  
                         son of Joseph H. and Georgia Smith of Millsboro, Delaware.  
                         He entered Military service, World War II, June 23-1944.





He went overseas with the 4th Armored Division, 12-10-1944 and served in General Patton's Army. He was in the battles of Bastogne and Southern Germany. He was honorably discharged 7-11-1946. No children.

After working several winter seasons in Florida, and summers in the North Middle Atlantic States, Julia A. settled at Rehoboth Beach and has business interests there as of 1961.

6th  
Gener-     Homer Lyons Bryan (known as Homer) b. 10-10-1925 near  
ation:     Lewes. He was married in the Methodist Church at Rehoboth  
Beach 2-12-1949 to Julia Anne Wall, b. 8-28-1926 in Cam-  
bridge, Maryland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burton  
Wall, but they were residents of Rehoboth Beach several  
years prior to her marriage. She is a graduate of the Pea-  
body Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Maryland. Their  
children:

7th  
Gener-     James Arnold Bryan, b. 1-29-1950, near Lewes, Delaware  
ation:     Adrienne Louise     ", b. 9-23-1952,     "     "     "  
Homer Lyons, Jr.     ", b. 12-17-1953,     "     "     "  
Richard Lee     ", b. 7-23-1956,     "     "     "  
Robert Montgomery Holmes, b. 1-10-1960,     "     "     "

Following graduation at Lewes High School, Homer L. graduated from Massanutten Military Academy at Woodstock, Virginia in June 1944 and from Kings Point, New York, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, in June 1945. He served in the Merchant Marines during a portion of World War II and continued in that same vocation afterward for several years.

Following his marriage, he resigned from Merchant Marine Service and moved to the family farm where he has carried on a progressive and successful farming operation. In 1961 he was elected Secretary of the Kent-Sussex Dairy Association.

Their 1961 Christmas card, "Peace On Earth", carried a picture of their five, alert and beautiful children, with the personal signatures of Julia and Homer.

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5th                    James Alfred Megee (known as Alfred or Al.) b. 4-19-1900  
 Gener-            near Harbeson. He was married in the Methodist parsonage  
 ation:            at Greenwood, Delaware 6-1-1921 to Maymie Jane Mitchell, b.  
                   7-15-1900 near Lewes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Talbert  
                   Mitchell. Marriage by Rev. H. L. Murphy, pastor at Green-  
                   wood. Their children:

6th                    Mildred Glenora Megee, b. 4-20-1922  
 Gener-            Jeannette Mitchell            ", b. 8-13-1925  
 ation:            Alfred Hopkins                ", b. 9-16-1929, d. 3-17-1931  
                   Robert Bradley                ", b. 2- 5-1931  
                   James Alfred Jr.,            ", b. 1-29-1933

Alfred Sr. is a very good carpenter and has supervised construction of certain housing projects. He has worked at a number of locations in the State on contractual work. Alfred and Maymie have resided in Seaford, Delaware for more than a quarter of a century.

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6th                    Mildred G. Megee, b. 4-20-1922, was married to James  
 Gener-            Lofland Walls, b. 7-13-1914 in Milford, Delaware. He served  
 ation:            five years and four months plus in Military service World  
                   War II in the 102nd Company, A. A. Separate Battalion of  
                   service. Retired on disability by combat duty. Their  
                   children:

7th                    Jeannette Francis Walls, b. 7-12-1944  
 Gener-            James Alfred                " , b. 6-18-1946  
 ation:            Robert Bradley               " , b. 9- 2-1947  
                   Molly Ann                    " , b. 4- 1-1951  
                   William Michael            " , b.12- 6-1957

For several years Mildred and James and family resided in Vineland, New Jersey but returned to the Milford, Delaware area in 1961.

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6th                    Jeannette Mitchell Megee, b. 8-13-1925 and was married  
 Gener-            1-24-1945 to Francis Baker Trivitts, b. 3-28-1921, of the  
 ation:            Seaford-Cannon area, Delaware. Their issue:

7th                    Judith Marie Trivitts, b. 10-24-1945

Gener-            Jeannette and Francis have resided in Seaford since  
 ation:            their marriage. He is a good carpenter and has been so em-  
                   ployed for many years.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Robert Bradley Megee (known as Robert or Bob) b.2-5-1931.  
He entered military service 2-3-1951. He served overseas  
in the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged 10-30-  
1954.

After release from military service, he worked several  
years as District Manager for the Commercial Credit Company.  
He later became associated with the American Oil Company in  
Baltimore, Maryland. Due to the removal of the Baltimore  
office to Chicago, he made a new connection in January 1961  
in the Credit department of Washington, D. C. Branch Agency  
in the General Electric Company. He was transferred back  
to Baltimore in late Autumn of 1961.

Robert B. was married 8-12-1960 in Baltimore, Maryland  
to Marian Jones born in Cumberland, Maryland. For several  
years, prior to her marriage, she was employed in Baltimore  
and has continued her position since marriage, at least for  
the present time.

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

James Alfred Megee Jr. (known as Alfred or Al. Jr.)  
b. 1-29-1933. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force 4-11-1950  
and remained until 6-12-1952. Since his release from mili-  
tary service, he has served as a seaman on one of Sun Oil  
Company's fleet of tankers for a considerable time.

He became associated with Capital Air Lines about 1957-  
1958. This Company was merged with United Air Lines in  
early 1961. However, he continued with the merged company.  
He remains unmarried as of late 1961. He frequently remem-  
bers the writer and wife with a card from some interesting  
location.

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5th                    Lawrence Nelson Megee (known as Nelson) b. 9-8-1908,  
Gener- the youngest of the five adult children of Alfred H. and  
ation: Elva N. (Rash) Megee. He was married 1-28-1932 to Char-  
lotte King, b. 5-28-1913, daughter of Frank Edward and Mary  
Gertrude King of Georgetown, Delaware. They were married  
at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Omar Jones of  
the Methodist Church. Their child:

6th                    Josephine Caroline Megee, b. 3-8-1938, Georgetown, Dela.  
Gener-  
ation:

Nelson's earliest employment (away from the farm where  
reared) was in Philadelphia, as a plumber apprentice, where  
he attended a plumbing school, (held in North East High  
School). He left Philadelphia in the early depression days  
of mid-1930. He subsequently obtained employment with the  
State Highway Department of Delaware (Georgetown district)  
and resigned in May 1936, at which time he established his  
own plumbing and heating business, at Georgetown.

Effective January 1, 1950, his nephew, Ernest E. Megee  
Jr. (b. 10-9-1918) acquired an interest in the incorporated  
firm, which now operates as the Megee Plumbing and Heating  
Company, Inc. Both Nelson and Ernest Jr. are active in  
carrying on the jointly owned business of this well known  
establishment. They are both active in Church and Community  
affairs. Nelson is Past Master of Endeavor Lodge No. 17,  
AF&AM, Milton, which makes for a continuous family member-  
ship since 1873 by the children of Moses Megee and their  
descendants to the present year of 1961, in this particular  
Lodge. Nelson is also a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley  
of Wilmington, Delaware.

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6th                    Josephine Caroline Megee, b. 3-8-1938 graduated from  
Gener- Georgetown High School and was later married at Sumter,  
ation: South Carolina, 11-8-1956 to Harry Nelson Coar, b. 7-2-1936  
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson  
H. Coar, who had resided for several years in Georgetown,  
Delaware. They were married by Rev. S. D. Newell.

Harry entered military service on 7-2-1954 and was  
honorably discharged at the expiration of his enlistment,  
1-28-1958 from Shaw AFB, Sumter, South Carolina. Since re-  
lease from military service he has been associated with  
the Megee Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. at Georgetown.  
They have built a ranch-type home approximately one-half  
mile East of the town on the Georgetown-Milton public high-  
way. Their children:

7th                    Daniel Nelson Coar, b. 2-24-1960  
Gener- David Harry Coar,     b. 10-29-1961  
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4th  
Gener-  
ation: CHARLES EMORY MEGEE (known as Emory) b. 4-1-1867 near Harbeson, Delaware, son of Moses and Mary Caroline (Salmans) Megee. He was married 3-31-1891 to Lucinda E. Rust, b. 5-30-1872 daughter of Peter Asbury Rust and his wife, Charlotte Godwin (Ingram) Rust of Indian River Hundred. They had one child:

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Una Megee, b. 3-13-1892, near Harbeson, Delaware  
C. Emory Megee was a farmer in Broadkiln Hundred. Unfortunately, about the time that he and his wife were getting reasonably established, he was "Summoned Home" on 8-26-1896, aged 29 years and 5 months. Burial in Milton Methodist Church Cemetery.

His widow, Lucinda E. (Rust) Megee was married a second time some five years subsequent to August 1896, her husband being William Wilson, b. 10-4-1854, a widower and a farmer near Milton, Delaware. They later purchased a farm near Lincoln City, Delaware and resided there until he reached "Journey's End" December 9, 1928, aged 74 years and 2 months. Burial in Harbeson Methodist Church Cemetery.

Following the settlement of her late husband's estate, Aunt Lucinda (Rust) Megee Wilson made her home headquarters with her daughter and the latter's husband, in or near Milton, Delaware. (See next item.)

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Una Megee, b. 3-13-1892, near Harbeson. She was married 12-25-1928 to 'Gus Pride, born in or around Georgetown but located in or near Lincoln City at the time of marriage.

They subsequently purchased a farm in the Cave Neck district, near Milton. This was formerly owned by the late Heisley Davidson, and his wife, Fannie Davidson. The writer called to see Aunt Lucinda, Una and Gus some three or four times at that farm location.

'Gus Pride reached "Journey's End" 1-10-1958, aged about 86 years. Burial in Harbeson Methodist Church Cemetery. After selling the farm in the Cave Neck district, Cousin Una and her mother, Aunt Lucinda, purchased a home in the village of Redden, Delaware, and moved there in March 1958.

Una (Megee) Pride was married a second time on August 12, 1959, her husband being Gordon L. Kramer, b. 6-10-1891 in Reading, Pennsylvania. However, for several years he had been a resident in and around Milton, Delaware. They were married in Pocomoke City, Maryland, by Rev. William M. Reed, a Baptist Minister. They have since resided at Redden, Delaware in the aforementioned home purchased in





1958. The writer has called there some three or four times during the five years 1958-1962 inclusive. Aunt Lucinda had her 90th birthday there in 1962, likewise Una's three score and ten milepost was observed there in March 1962.

NOTE: Una (Megee) Pride Kramer is the cousin earlier mentioned (see Eliza (Megee) Hatfield, 4th generation, daughter of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, who had possession of the Moses Megee family Bible, following the death of her father, C. Emory Megee in 1896, until November 1958, when she delivered it to the writer in recognition of the interest manifested in connection with the current historical Family Tree Project.

Additionally, ----- under JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, designated the first generation of the family in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, will be found the Court of Common Pleas approval of the "Amicable Agreement" for the division of the JOHN MEGEE lands, in April 1813, among the eight heirs, namely, --- Rebecca, William, Peter, John Jr., Anna, Thomas, Elizabeth and Moses, b. 1789. Under the SECOND generation with narratives for each of the eight heirs, references will be found concerning their respective portions of their father's lands. Among these there is included under Thomas Megee, b. 1786---d. 1857, reference to a COPY OF AN UNRECORDED DEED DATED 1819.

This important item was found during the wrecking of an old home in Milton, Delaware, about 1955 and was turned over to Una (Megee) Pride, in the belief that she might be a distant relative of the grantor and grantee named therein, and would like to have it.

This perfectly prepared old unrecorded deed, quoted to some extent under the above named THOMAS MEGEE, second generation, definitely proves that the said THOMAS did actually receive a tract of 39 acres as "his portion of the JOHN MEGEE lands", under the Court approved AMICABLE AGREEMENT for the division of said lands, and that it was the intention by this deed to convey the said tract of 39 acres to his younger brother, Moses Megee, b. 1789-----d. 1864, the uncle of grandfather Moses Megee, b. 1819---d. 1888.

Una passed this item along to the writer for whatever use could be made of it. While the creases were a bit worn, it was in what might be termed good condition, some 135 years after being written. No record was ever located of its being recorded at Georgetown. However, it is valuable in further confirming the Court of Common Pleas action approving in April 1813, the "Amicable Agreement" for the division of the JOHN MEGEE lands, as well as welding another link in the relationships of the grantor and grantee named in this written instrument.





Among the eight portions of lands, the longest held portion by any one of the beneficiaries was that of ANNA (MEGEE) THOROUGHGOOD. Sussex County Deed Bk. 59, p. 18, in 1852 reads in part, ----"Anna M. Thoroughgood, to William B. (Britt) Rust, --- 32½ acres allotted to her in the division of lands of John Megee deceased. --- Being in the fork of Rosemary and Dutchman's branches and adjoining grantee's other lands." The grantor had held this tract for 39 years, (1813 to 1852). The said Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood's husband, William Thoroughgood, died in 1847, about 64 years old, but she did not reach "Journey's End" until 1858.

One of Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood's grandsons, namely John E. Thoroughgood, a son of William Newbold Thoroughgood (b. 1815) was married 1-2-1868 to Margaret Jane Rust, daughter of Thomas and Arcada (Walls) Rust. Another daughter of Thomas and Arcada (Walls) Rust, namely; Louisa J. was married in February 1869 to William C. Megee, b. 1846, a grandson of said Thomas Megee, b. 1786, hereinbefore mentioned. See FOURTH generation narrative later herein. The old unrecorded deed was a valuable contribution to this project.

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4th                    THOMAS PAYNTER MEGEE, b. 5-8-1869 near Harbeson, son  
 Gener- of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. He was married  
 ation: 8-13-1891 to Laura Truitt b. 9-20-1872, daughter of Mr.  
 and Mrs. Pemberton Truitt (nee Ann Ingram) of or near Mil-  
 ford, Delaware. The marriage service by Rev. T. R. Creamer,  
 pastor of Goshen M. E. Church, Milton, Delaware. Their  
 children were:

5th                    Margaret Megee, b. 8-9-1892  
 Gener- Ethel                    "                    b. 11-13-1895  
 ation:

Thomas P. Megee operated for a time a grocery store on Chestnut Street, Milton, then ran the old Hunter's Mill located on Hunter's pond, and spent the last two or more years farming. About the time they were getting reasonably established, he was summoned to that "Eternal Home" 1-24-1897, aged 27 years and nine months. Burial in Milton Methodist Church Cemetery.

His widow was left with two small children and about one year later, married a second time, her husband being R. William Bryan, a widower, a farmer, and a brother to Andrew T. Bryan who married Elenora White Megee, a sister to Thomas Paynter Megee. They lived near, or in, the town of Lewes, Delaware and reared a family of children. They were privileged to have membership in that rather exclusive group,---The 50th Anniversary Club---as they were married approximately 55 years when R. William Bryan reached "Journey's End" 1-5-1953, aged about 96 years. Burial at Lewes, Delaware.

Laura (Truitt) Megee Bryan continued to live in Lewes with her children until she was "Summoned Home" 3-2-1958, aged about 85 years and 5 months. Burial in Lewes beside her husband of well over a half century. She had been a member of the M. E. Church at Lewes for more than a quarter of a century.

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5th                    Margaret Megee, b. 8-9-1892. Following the loss of  
 Gener- her father she was taken soon thereafter to Philadelphia  
 ation: and sponsored by Captain William H. and his wife, Louella  
 (Young) Megee, at the School for mutes in that city, from  
 where she later graduated.

Margaret was married early in 1917 in Philadelphia to Warren Milton Smaltz, b. 3-11-1895. At the time of her marriage, her husband, also a mute, was an Instructor in the same school from which she graduated. Their children:

6th                    Mildred Beryl Smaltz, b. 12-25-1917, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Gener- Laura Margaret Smaltz, b. 4-27-1920,                    "                    "  
 ation:





Warren M. Smaltz was born at Richland, Pennsylvania, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania and his career may be better presented by quoting a few excerpts from:

{ LEBANON, PA., --- DAILY NEWS }  
 { April 5, 1954 }

"Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, of Mt. Gretna, a deaf mute, who for 32 years served as Minister of Episcopalians having the same physical incapacities as he, died Sunday, April 4, aged 59. The Clergyman was the son of the late Henry M. and Carrie Smaltz."

"Rev. Smaltz had been ill for six months and was fatally stricken at his home at 1:15 PM by a coronary occlusion. He was graduated from the Kutztown State Teachers College, and the Philadelphia Divinity School. He was a former Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church for the Deaf, in Philadelphia."

"The Rev. Smaltz was a missionary for the deaf of the Episcopal Diocese' of Harrisburg, Erie, Bethlehem, and Pittsburgh. He conducted services by the sign language. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Society for Advancement of the Deaf, and he was the author of several articles that appeared in the American Mercury Magazine."

"In his Magazine contributions the greatly loved and respected Minister humorously provided fresh insights into problems of the deaf and mute. Some of these works were later reprinted in Readers Digest. During the late 1930s and early 1940s he served as City Chairman (Lebanon, Pa.) of the Democratic County Committee. He did considerable work at Harrisburg in behalf of the deaf and mute."

"The extremely active Minister was perhaps proudest of his accomplishments in the Theological field. In recent years he had spent much time in Biblical research and some of his developments are now winning acceptance."

"Rev. Smaltz was a member of the Society of Biblical Literature. Among the many Organizations to which he belonged was the American Academy of Political Science. He is survived by his widow, the former Margaret Megee, his step-mother, Mrs. Minnie Smaltz, Richland, Pennsylvania, and two daughters."

Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, from Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, officiated at the services for Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, on April 7, 1954 at St. Lukes P. E. Church, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and at the interment at Richland Cemetery.





NOTE:---The writer had two or three exchanges with Rev. Smaltz during the decade preceding his death and was favored with a copy of one of his Theological researches. His life and accomplishments should serve as a challenge, and as a goal, to others with similar physical incapacities.

His widow, Cousin Margaret (Megee) Smaltz, has continued to reside at Mt. Gretna, very near her younger daughter and son-in-law. She usually makes an annual or bi-ennial trip to Florida via plane to visit with her older daughter and son-in-law, and also a visit to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware to visit with her sister (prior to the latter's passing in 1961). The writer receives fine letters from her once or twice annually.

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6th                    Mildred Beryl Smaltz, b. 12-25-1917 Philadelphia, Pa.,  
Gener- was married 2-8-1941 to Andrew Louis Daigneau Jr., son of  
ation: A. L. Daigneau Sr. and his wife Kathryn Kaufman Daigneau  
of Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania. Their issue:

7th                    Andrew L. Daigneau III, born 8-24-1947  
Gener-  
ation:

Andrew L. Jr., entered military service 11-11-1943. Boot training at Camp Lee, Virginia, thence Postal School, West Chester, Pennsylvania, thence overseas. He was with the invasion forces on "D" Day. He served with General Patton's 3rd Army, across France and Germany. In early 1945 he was a Staff Sgt., Nurnburg, Germany.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Andy, Mildred and son Andy III, moved to St. Petersburg, Florida in late 1954 where he became associated with Chrysler's Auto Sales Agency of that city. He was Assistant Sales Manager in April 1958, when the writer and his wife spent a day with Mildred and Andy while making a visit to the East and West Coast areas.

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6th                    Laura Margaret Smaltz, b. 4-27-1920 Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener- (known as Laura) was married on 3-20-1948 at Annapolis,  
ation: Maryland to James Grover Ehrhorn, b. 12-14-1917 at Lebanon,  
Pennsylvania. Their children:

7th                    James Grover Jr., b. 2-15-1949, Lebanon, Pa.  
Gener- Elizabeth                    b. 3-23-1952, Mt. Gretna, Pa.  
ation: Margaret                    b. 2- 5-1956, " " "





James G. Ehrhorn enlisted in the Navy in January 1942. He reported for active duty April 1942. He served as Torpedoeman 3rd Class on Destroyer U.S.S. LaVallette from February 1943 to September 1945. He served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations and is eligible to wear nine Battle Stars. Honorably discharged in November 1945.

Following his release from military service, he returned to Lebanon, Pennsylvania and became associated with the Crescent Truck Company. He was subsequently made Sales Manager. They resided on Center street, Lebanon in 1951 when the writer and his wife, enroute by auto from Washington to Bretton Woods, New Hampshire on a business trip, made a short detour from Route 22, Northeast of Harrisburg, into Lebanon for a brief visit to the Ehrhorn's.

Laura and Jim have been among a large number of cousins with whom cards and letters are exchanged two or three times annually. Their Christmas card of 1961 accompanied by a memo and a picture of their three youngsters added to our Holidays.

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5th                    Ethel Megee, b. 11-13-1895, the younger daughter of  
Gener-           Thomas P. and Laura (Truitt) Megee. She was married 1-23-1910  
ation:           by Rev. Frank Bryan M. P. Parsonage, Harbeson, Delaware  
                 to John E. Joseph, b. 6-8-1886 near Millsboro, Delaware.  
                 Their children:

6th                    Thelma Margaret Joseph, b. 12-29-1910, at Lewes, Delaware  
Gener-           Kenneth Megee                    "                    , b. 3- 3-1922, "                    "  
ation:

They have resided in Lewes and Rehoboth since their marriage. John Edgar Joseph has worked practically all of his business life as a carpenter. Ethel has been active in Sunday School and church work, of the Rehoboth Methodist Church. Many years ago they acquired a home on Laurel Street, Rehoboth Beach.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, January 23rd, 1960. Their daughter, Thelma, ably assisted by her husband and a small group of close friends and relatives, sponsored a "Surprise party" for Ethel and John Edgar at the American Legion Hall, Rehoboth Beach from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

The writer was among the 128 registered attendance, which included the Pastor and wife of the church, many of her Sunday School Class, nearby relatives and neighbors. A very enjoyable program which brought pleasure and happiness to the honored couple. In all the research work, beginning with the first provable progenitors in Sussex County to the present time, with possibly 100 couples or more, who may be considered as potential candidates,---the





writer has only located 15 couples in the several branches of the family, who have been honored, or privileged to join that exclusive group,---the 50th Wedding Anniversary Club.

Ethel (Megee) Joseph reached "Journey's End" at a hospital in Philadelphia in August (1961), aged 65 years and about nine months.

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6th                    Thelma Margaret Joseph, b. 12-29-1910, was married  
Gener-    5-31-1932 at Rehoboth Beach to Joseph John Pfister, b.  
ation:    11-21-1904 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Mr. and  
         Mrs. Christian Pfister of that city. Their children:

7th                    Joseph John Pfister Jr., b. 1-11-1933, at Lewes, Delaware  
Gener-    Delores Thelma Pfister, b. 3-23-1945, "        "        "  
ation:

Joseph J. Pfister Sr. served as Lieutenant, U. S. Navy during World War II, in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres of Operations. Since his retirement in 1955, they have resided at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on Bayard Avenue.

7th                    Joseph J. Pfister Jr., was married 9-21-1959, at  
Gener-    Rehoboth Beach, to Mary Ann O'Connor, b. 10-12-1934. They  
ation:    live in Newark, Delaware and he is employed nearby at the  
         New Castle County Air Base, New Castle, Delaware.

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6th                    Kenneth M. Joseph, b. 3-3-1922, the younger of the two  
Gener-    children of John Edgar Joseph and his wife, Ethel (Megee)  
ation:    Joseph. He was married 7-4-1942 to Mary Rita Fallon, b.  
         8-11-1923 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They were married  
         by Father McCarthy of St. Edmunds R. C. Church, Rehoboth  
         Beach, Delaware. Their issue:

7th                    Mary Rita Joseph, b. 7-7-1943, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Gener-  
ation:                Kenneth M. served in the Air Force as Sergeant and  
                         Aerial gunner in World War II. Following the War, he was  
                         located for a period of time at the Special Weapons Test  
                         Unit, Wendover Field, Utah.

After his release from the armed forces he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Delmar, Delaware. He married a second time, the bride being Phyllis Hastings of Delmar, Delaware. Their children:

7th                    Kenneth Hastings Joseph, b. 4-21-1952  
Gener-    John Walter                    "        , b. 7-21-1955  
ation:

Phyllis is the daughter of W. W. and Louise Hastings of Delmar, and they were married 9-1-1946 by Rev. John Townsend of Delmar.

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4th Generation: ELENORA WHITE MEGEE, b. 10-28-1873 near Harbeson, Delaware, the youngest of 15 children (11 of whom reached adult age) of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. She was married 1-5-1890 at the Milton Methodist Church parsonage to Andrew T. Bryan, b. 1-28-1862. Marriage service by Rev. T. R. Creamer. Their children:

5th Generation: Robert Earl Bryan, b. 2-18-1891  
 Weldon Andrew " , b. 9-7-1894---died 3-7-1896  
 Herbert Megee " , b. 2-28-1902

Following their marriage, they moved to the "Island Farm" near Broadkill Beach. In the late 1890s they purchased and moved to a farm in Cave Neck area, near Milton, and remained there until Andrew T. Bryan reached "Journey's End" 11-4-1915, aged about 53 years and 10 months. Burial at Zion Church Cemetery, in Broadkill Neck.

After the settlement of the estate Aunt Elenora (known as Ella) moved to Milton. She married a second time, her husband being Arthur Pettyjohn, a widower and a well known farmer between Milton and Harbeson. They were married on 1-4-1920 by Rev. H. L. Murphy of Harbeson Methodist Church.

Arthur Pettyjohn, b. 9-9-1858 reached "Journey's End" 11-12-1937, aged about 79 years and two months. Burial in Harbeson Methodist Church Cemetery.

His widow (Aunt Ella) subsequently moved to Milton in early 1938 and made that town her home until she was "Summoned Home" 3-19-1953, aged about 79 years and 5 months. Burial at Zion Church Cemetery.

She was the youngest born and the last survivor of a large family. Incidentally, she reached the oldest age of the eleven adult children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. Thus passeth an era of 107 years and eight months, between the marriage of her father and mother early July 1845 till "Journey's End", for the last survivor of that union.

NOTE: The Will of Moses Megee, written in 1887, spelled the name as -- Elenora.

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6th Generation: Robert Earl Bryan, b. 2-18-1891 (known as Earl) was married 6-3-1916 at Elkton, Maryland to Elva May Lusby, b. 5-12-1888, daughter of James Franklin and Elizabeth (Simpkins) Lusby of Baltimore, Maryland. Elva May had been employed in Milton, Delaware for some period of time prior to her marriage.





Shortly after their marriage they moved to Baltimore on 8-1-1916 and resided there until Elva M. was "Summoned Home" in late September, 1961. Burial in Baltimore, Md.

Earl Bryan worked as a carpenter and sub-contractor during the years in Baltimore until his retirement about 1956-1957. He continued to live in Baltimore after the loss of his wife, until he reached "Journey's End" at a hospital in that city, January 6, 1963. Interment beside his wife in Baltimore. He was 71 years and 10 months. No children.

5th                    Herbert Megee Bryan, b. 2-28-1902 near Milton, Dela-  
Gener- ware, was married 4-15-1924 to Florence May Pettyjohn, b.  
ation: 5-29-1902, daughter of John M. and Bertha Pettyjohn of near  
Georgetown, Delaware on the Georgetown-Milton Public high-  
way. They were married in Trinity Methodist Church, Salis-  
bury, Maryland by Rev. R. F. Gayle. No children.

For some 5½ years Herbert served as Assistant Manager of the Atlantic Refining Company at Georgetown. On October 28, 1930, the Georgetown and Milford offices were consolidated, with the merged office at the latter location. Herbert served as Plant Manager until December 31, 1951, when the Milford, Delaware operation was closed and the Atlantic Refining Company offered him a place in their Salisbury, Maryland territory.

With a home in Milford, and having lived there for 20 years, Herbert declined the position at Salisbury. He was employed by the Milford Ice and Coal Company in the distribution of oil to their customers. On July 1, 1954 he became a representative for Mobile Oil Company in the Milford area and has continued with this Company since that date. They have likewise continued to live in the same home, which is reasonably close to the down-town business district of Milford, Delaware.

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NOTE:----This concludes the ELEVEN adult children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. These eleven children are of the 4th Generation and this summary includes all available data covering their descendants, through the 5th--6th--7th and to the 8th generation for a small number as listed.





Condensed Resume'

1st                John and Ann Megee, sometimes spelled as Magee (how-  
Gener-           ever, the great bulk for almost 200 years have spelled it  
ation:           as Megee). Their children were:

2nd                Rebecca-----William-----Peter-----John Jr.-----  
Gener-           Anna-----Thomas-----Elizabeth-----and Moses, (b. 1789 ----  
ation:           d. 1864)

Rebecca died unmarried----Peter, John Jr. and Moses  
married but left no children.

William----Anna----Thomas----and Elizabeth married  
and left children.

3rd                Moses Megee, (b. 1819-----d. 1888), son of William  
Gener-           (1st marriage) and Sarah (Ennis) Megee. Moses married as  
ation:           shown under THIRD generation, and as referred to under  
FOURTH generation, for the eleven adult children.

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2nd  
Gener- Grandchildren of  
ation: William (2nd m.) and Mary Megee

3rd The seven children of William and Mary Megee  
Gener-  
ation: John R.----Naomi----Anna Nancy----Arthur L. (Orter)----  
Isaac W.----William H.----Thomas

4th MARY ANN MEGEE, b. 5-11-1848, daughter of John R. and  
Gener- Mary Jane (Steele) Megee, of Baltimore Hundred. She was  
ation: listed on the 1880 U. S. Census as a singlewoman at home  
with her mother, in the Millville district. She was mar-  
ried about 1881-1882, to Eben Banks, a son of John R. and  
Naomi M. Banks, of Indian River Hundred. They had one  
child.

5th Timothy Banks, b. 4-25-1884  
Gener-  
ation:

Mary Ann (Megee) Banks died 10-31-1918, according to  
the Bible of Timothy Banks, which was reviewed by the gene-  
alogist in April 1960. She was about 70½ years old.

In 1961 during a conversation with a niece of said  
Mary Ann the statement was made to the writer, "I believe  
that Aunt Mary Ann and her husband Uncle Eben Banks were  
interred in the same burial ground as her parents, on the  
edge of Clarksville, Delaware."

5th TIMOTHY BANKS, (known as Tim) b. 4-25-1884 as above  
Gener- listed. He was married on 1-15-1911, to Florence Dayton,  
ation: b. 5-6-1887, daughter of John and Sarah Dayton of Indian  
River Hundred. Their three children:

6th Mary Hester Banks, b. 1- 1-1912  
Gener- Virgil E. " , b. 1-30-1915  
ation: Nettie K. " , b. 12-31-1917

They lived on the Tim Banks farm, on what is known as  
the "Long Neck" road but very near the main highway from  
Millsboro to Rehoboth Beach, in the Angola neighborhood.

Florence (Dayton) Banks reached "Journey's End" 2-2-1954.  
Timothy continued to reside at the home farm, and two of  
his children lived in close proximity on the same road.  
Tim passed away in the Spring of 1961, aged about 76 years.

6th Mary Hester Banks, b. 1-1-1912, was married to Daniel  
Gener- S. Donovan, son of Enoch and Martha Donovan. Their  
ation: children:



7th Generation: Dorothy Donovan, b. 1-30-1933; Norman S. b. 4-9-1945  
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6th Generation: VIRGIL E. BANKS, B. 1-30-1915, Indian River Hundred.  
He married Mildred E. Stevenson 7-25-1940. As of 1961,  
they have one child, namely:

7th Generation: Virgil E. Jr., b. 12-17-1949  
They reside on the Banks lands, on the Long Neck road  
of the same hundred in which born.  
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6th Generation: NETTIE K. BANKS, b. 12-31-1917, the youngest of the  
three children of Timothy and Florence (Dayton) Banks of  
Indian River Hundred. She married Levi A. Hall. Their  
children:

7th Generation: Iona Helen Hall, b. 2- 7-1935  
Frank Edward " , b. 3-18-1937  
Leon Watson " , b. 5-28-1938

Nettie K. (Banks) Hall reached "Journey's End" 4-12-  
1941, age 23 years and 3 months. Her husband, Levi A. was  
"Summoned Home" 2-23-1944.  
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NOTE: This closes the data available for MARY ANN  
MEGEE AND her husband EBEN BANKS, one of six children of  
NAOMI MEGEE (3rd generation) and her husband JOHN R. BANKS.

Some additional comments and data, under FOURTH gener-  
ation and descendants of Naomi (MEGEE) Banks.

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3rd Children and their Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee  
Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County

4th William Henry Megee, b. 5-11-1850, ----d. 5-12-1881,  
 Gener- aged about 31 years. He was married on 8-14-1874 to Sarah  
 ation: J. Davis. Their children:

5th William A. Megee, b. in the year 1875  
 Gener- Ward T. Megee, b. 7-19-1878  
 ation:

Sussex County records show that George H. West was  
 named as Administrator of William H. Megee's estate on  
 5-16-1881.

5th William A. Megee, son of William H. and Sarah J. (Davis)  
 Gener- Megee, was married 12-25-1898 to Myrtle (Known as Mertie)  
 ation: Hastings, daughter of Rufus and Louise H. (Magee) Hastings.  
 Mertie was born 8-1-1884. Marriage by Rev. W. L. White.  
 Their children:

6th Elmer I. Megee, b. 2- 5-1902  
 Gener- William Handy Megee, b. 12-23-1904  
 ation:

William A. Megee is reported as having reached "Jour-  
 ney's End" in 1911, aged about 36 years. Mertie (Hastings)  
 Megee married John Godfrey, for her second husband. No  
 children reported by second marriage. Both William A.  
 Megee and Myrtle (Hastings) Megee Godfrey were buried at  
 Frankford and have a headstone.

6th Elmer I. Megee, b. 2-5-1902, is reported as having mar-  
 Gener- ried (1st) Matilda Figgs of Dagsboro, Delaware and having  
 ation: two children, namely:

7th Marian Louise (Megee) Steele and Alice (Megee) Adkins.  
 Gener- He was married a second time and had one daughter, Edna  
 ation: (Megee) Bundick of Laurel, Delaware. Elmer married a third  
 time but no children reported.

P. S. He died 8-1-1963, aged 61 years 5 months. Services  
 at Frankford, Delaware.

6th William Handy Megee, b. 12-23-1904, was married 12-22-  
 Gener- 1924 to Louella Hall, b. 1-3-1909. Then ten children:  
 ation:





7th William Handy Jr., b. 8-24-1927, Bessie Megee, 4- 1-1930  
 Gener- John E. , b. 1-28-1933, Dale " , 11-26-1935  
 ation: Melson , b. 10- 8-1938, Mary " , 8- 8-1941  
 Samuel , b. 4-28-1944, Gerald " , 4-12-1948  
 Diana , b. 11-16-1951, George E. " , 4- 4-1953

William Handy and Louella (Hall) Megee as of 1961 re-  
 sided at the edge of Williamsville, on the Selbyville---  
 Fenwick highway.

7th William Handy Megee Jr., b. 8-24-1927, was married  
 Gener- 9-16-1945 to Betty Bunting, b. 9-7-1929. Their children  
 ation: as of 1961:

8th Wayne Megee, b. 11-1-1950,  
 Gener- Bruce Megee, b. 1-9-1955,  
 ation: Sandra Megee, b. 4-13-1959,

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7th Bessie Megee, b. 4-1-1930, daughter of William Handy  
 Gener- Sr. and Louella (Hall) Megee, was married 9-16-1949 to  
 ation: Carlton Lathbury. Their children as of 1961:

8th Jaunita Lathbury, b. 4-2-1952  
 Gener- Carol Ann " , b. 3-14-1955  
 ation:

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7th Dale Megee, b. 11-26-1935, son of William Handy Sr.  
 Gener- and Louella (Hall) Megee. He was married 4-22-1962 (Easter  
 ation: Sunday) to Harriett Lane of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

7th Melson Megee, b. 10-8-1938, son of William Handy Sr.  
 Gener- and Louella (Hall) Megee. He was married in October 1959.  
 ation: No children as of 1961.

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5th                    WARD THOMAS MEGEE, b. 7-19-1878, son of William H.  
Gener-                and Sarah J. (Davis) Megee, Baltimore Hundred, Sussex  
ation:                County. He was married 12-12-1899 to Martha Ann Robinson,  
                         b. 9-8-1882, by Rev. F. F. Carpenter. Their nine children:

6th                    Lewis James b. 11-24-1900  
Gener-                Eva M.            b. 3-13-1902 ---- d. 5-15-1904  
ation:                Lloyd R.           b. 4-21-1905  
                         Mary C.            b. 10- 4-1907  
                         Addie H.           b. 3-21-1910 } Addie H. reported  
                         Frances M.        b. 3-21-1910 } senior of twins.  
                         Elisha E.          b. 4-17-1913

Additionally, a son b. 5-7-1918, and a daughter b. 8-26-1924, both of whom died in infancy.

Martha Ann (Robinson) Megee reached "Journey's End" 4-25-1935 aged about 52 years and 7 months. Ward T. Megee was "Summoned Home" 3-27-1937, aged about 56 years and 8 months.

NOTE: Two children of the above six adults have advised that their family has always spelled the name as McGEE. One of these two supplied the details listed herein for four of the six named. On the basis of this advice these six and their descendants are being so handled in this Project.

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6th                    LEWIS JAMES McGEE, b. 11-24-1900, married Maude E.  
Gener-                Moore, daughter of John and Ida (Lawson) Moore. They re-  
ation:                side in Milton, Delaware where they have owned and con-  
                         ducted a successful ice cream business for several years.  
                         No children.

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6th                    LLOYD R. McGEE, b. 4-21-1905, married Bernice E. Massey  
Gener-                of Long Neck district, Indian River Hundred. Their children:  
ation:

7th                                    Eldert R. b. 11-29-1926  
Gener-                                Julian R. b. 4-15-1928  
ation:

Eldert Russell McGee, b. 11-29-1926 was married 6-23-1946 at the M. P. Parsonage, in Milton, Delaware to Ruth Madeline Fassel, b. 12-24-1926, daughter of Conrad H. and Lyda (Derby) Fassel of Milford, Delaware. Their children:

8th                    Sandra Marie b. 7- 2-1948, in Milford, Delaware  
Gener-                Nancy Eldert b. 8-17-1950, " " "  
ation:

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6th                    MARY CHARLOTTE McGEE, b. 10-4-1907, was married  
Gener- 2-17-1924, to Sidney L. Downs, b. 10-21-1896, son of  
ation: Charles M. and Nora (Mitchell) Downs of Millsboro, Dela-  
ware. Their children:

7th                    Helen Elizabeth Downs, b. 3-15-1925  
Gener- Hazel Ann Downs                    , b. 11-12-1927  
ation: Sidney L. Downs Jr.                    , b. 7-21-1929

7th                    Helen Elizabeth Downs, b. 3-15-1925, was married  
Gener- 6-3-1944 in St. Petersburg, Florida, to Wilber Earl John-  
ation: son, son of Richard Pope and Ada Lucille (Cayton) Johnson  
of Aurora, North Carolina. Their child:

8th                    Patricia Y'vette Johnson, b. 3-27-1945  
Gener-  
ation: This marriage was terminated 10-22-1948. Helen E. was  
married a second time on 3-29-1950, in Lewes, Delaware,  
her husband being John Wesley Morris, one of twin sons of  
Thomas Burton and Elizabeth (Steelman) Morris, of Lewes,  
Delaware. Their children:

8th                    (By adoption) Patricia Y'vette Morris, b. 3-27-1945,  
Gener- child of Helen by first marriage. (Final adoption 5-23-1955).  
ation:

8th                    April Ann Morris, b. 10-3-1952  
Gener-  
ation: -----

7th                    Hazel Ann Downs, b. 11-12-1927, was married 10-3-1947  
Gener- in Lewes, Delaware to Emory Bell Brittingham Jr., b.  
ation: 11-4-1915, son of Emory B. Sr. and Grace Rose (Downs)  
Brittingham of Lewes, Delaware. Their child:

8th                    Alan Kim Brittingham, b. 11-18-1952  
Gener-  
ation: -----

7th                    Sidney Leander Downs Jr. b. 7-21-1929, the youngest of  
Gener- three children of Sidney L. Sr. and Mary Charlotte (McGee)  
ation: Downs. He was married in Snow Hill, Maryland on 5-24-1950,  
to Lois June Rogers, daughter of Norman Benjamin and Dorothy  
Frances (Cooper) Rogers of Georgetown, Delaware. Their  
children:

8th                    Karin Lee Downs, b. 7-10-1951  
Gener- Dawnn Adele                    " , b. 1- 1-1954  
ation: Trudy Inez                    " , b. 8- 9-1959

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6th                    ADDIE H. McGEE, b. 3-21-1910, the older of twin daugh-  
Gener- ters of Ward T. and Martha Ann (Robinson) Megee. She mar-  
ation: ried Charles B. Phillips of Oak Orchard, Delaware, 2-20-1926.





6th FRANCES M. McGEE, b. 3-21-1910, the younger of twin  
Gener- daughters of Ward T. and Martha Ann (Robinson) Megee.  
ation: She was married on 2-20-1926, to Charles E. Jones of Mills-  
boro, Delaware.

Addie M. and her twin sister, Frances M., were married in a double ceremony, at Salisbury, Maryland. Neither of these two couples have any children.

6th ELISHA E. McGEE, b. 4-17-1913, the youngest of the six  
Gener- adult children of Ward T. and Martha Ann (Robinson) Megee.  
ation: He was married 4-3-1937 in Salisbury, Maryland to Ruth Ann  
Moore, b. 10-31-1916. Their children:

7th	Richard Allen McGee,	b. 6-16-1938
Gener-	Ronald Ward	" b. 3-23-1940
ation:	Reese Edward	" b. 6-20-1943
	Joyce Ann	" b. 7-31-1948
	Janice Marie	" b. 1-14-1950
	Rodney Thomas	" b. 3- 7-1951

7th Richard Allen McGee, b. 6-16-1938, oldest of six  
Gener- children of Elisha E. and Ruth Ann (Moore) McGee, after  
ation: graduating from High School was enrolled and subsequently  
graduated from the University of Delaware in June 1961,  
with B. S., in Electrical Engineering.

Richard Allen was married in Luray, Virginia, 9-9-1961 to Priscilla Jane McGee, b. 5-25-1941, daughter of John Raymond McGee and Marie (Peigh) McGee of Laurel, Delaware.

7th Ronald Ward McGee, b. 3-23-1940, son of Elisha E. and  
Gener- Ruth Ann (Moore) McGee, was married 12-26-1961 to Barbara  
ation: Ann Brittingham, b. 10-3-1943 in Milford, Delaware, daugh-  
ter of Calvin and Margaret (Davidson) Brittingham of  
Milton, Delaware. Their issue (as of late 1962).

8th Shelly Mae McGee, b. 10-2-1962, in Milford, Dela.  
Gener-  
ation:

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
John R. and Mary J. (Steele) Megee

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

JOHN EDWARD MEGEE, (known as John E.) b. 1-28-1852,  
-----d. 3-2-1929 aged 77 years, son of John R. and Mary  
Jane (Steele) Megee, Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County.  
He married on 9-17-1874, Alice K. Derrickson, b. 5-23-1857  
----d. 1949, aged about 92 years. Their seven children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Mary Jennie	b. 12-14-1875
Frederick L.	b. 4-14-1880
John E., Jr.	b. 7-7-1881
George	b. in-1883
Allie	b. 11-29-1886
J. Clifford	b. 1892-----d. 1895
I. Herschel	b. 1892-----d. 1895

} twins

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Mary Jennie Megee, b. 12-14-1875-----d. 1926, about  
51 years old. She married Virgil D. McCabe, b. 1874.  
Their child:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Hattie E. McCabe b. 7-16-1900. She married Isaac P.  
West, b. 4-11-1898-----d. 1942, aged about 44 years. Their  
three children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Mattie K. West, b. 5-30-1923. She married Carl Wrenn  
and they had one son:

8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Carl R. Wrenn, Jr., b. 8-7-1947

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

George D. West, b. 1-12-1921. He married Esther Hud-  
son, b. 4-15-1921. They had no children.

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Isaac J. West, b. 9-15-1927. As of mid-year 1961, there  
was no report of his marriage.

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

FREDERICK L. MEGEE, 4-14-1880-----d. 1954 aged about 74  
years, son of John E. and Alice K. (Derrickson) Megee. He  
married Carrie Burton, b. 1891-----d. 1943 aged about 52  
years. Their four children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Clifford W. Megee	b. 11-19-1907
Harold L. "	b. 11-2-1910
James Russell "	b. 12-28-1913
Hilda "	b. 1916 ---- d. 1929





6th                    CLIFFORD W. MEGEE, b. 11-19-1907, married Belinda M.  
Gener- Monahan, b. 11-18-1909. Their four children:  
ation:

7th                    Claire Marie Megee, b. 9-2-1932. She married Henry  
Gener- A. Yots, b. 6-15-1928. Their children (4)  
ation:

8th                    Gerald F. Yots, 8-15-1952  
Gener- Mitchell P.     ", 3-24-1954  
ation: Eileen             ", 12-31-1957  
                 June M.             ", 2- 5-1960

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7th                    Robert Clifford Megee, b. 3-13-1936, son of Clifford  
Gener- W. Megee and Belinda (Monahan) Megee.  
ation:

7th                    Charlotte A. Megee, daughter of Clifford W. and  
Gener- Belinda M. Monahan Megee, was born 8-1-1940.  
ation:

7th                    Linda M. Megee, b. 8-23-1944, daughter of Clifford W.  
Gener- and Belinda M. Megee.  
ation:

No information that the above three have married (as  
of mid-year 1961.)

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6th                    Harold L. Megee, b. 11-2-1910, son of Frederick L.  
Gener- and Carrie (Burton) Megee. He married Alice M. Dennis,  
ation: b. 10-31-1916. They had one child.

7th                    Hilda A. Megee, b. 2-19-1932. She married William H.  
Gener- Showell, b. 3-23-1930. Their children:  
ation:

8th                    Glenn B. Showell, b. 4-21-1955  
Gener- 'Gene D.             ", b. 7-12-1959  
ation:

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6th                    James Russell Megee (known as Russell) b. 12-28-1913,  
Gener- son of Fred L. and Carrie (Burton) Megee. He married  
ation: (first) Pearl Mitchell, b. \_\_\_\_\_ and they had two  
                 children:

7th                    Betty Jean Megee, b. 9-21-1939  
Gener- John E.             ", b. 11-13-1940, -----d. 1957  
ation:





7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Betty Jean was married 4-3-1959 to Raymond Rickards,  
b. June 1937. As of mid-year 1961 they have one child:

8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Pamela Rickards, b. 3-3-1961

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

James Russell Megee married a second time, the bride  
being Doris Megee, b. 2-21-1911, daughter of LeRoy and  
Mattie (Derrickson) Megee. Children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Clayton H. Megee ----- Dolores Megee  
Mary Jane Megee ----- Douglas Layton Megee

J. Russell Megee reached "Journey's End" 9-18-1954,  
at the early age of 40 years and 9 months. His widow and  
children continued to reside at their home in Ocean View,  
Delaware.

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3rd Children and their Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

5th JOHN E. MEGEE Jr., b. 7-7-1881, son of John E. Sr. and  
 Gener- Alice K. (Derrickson) Megee of Baltimore Hundred. He was  
 ation: married (1st m.) to Marella K. Tyre on 2-17-1901. They had  
 one child.

6th Irvin Megee, b. 1902  
 Gener-  
 ation: \_\_\_\_\_

5th John E. Megee Jr. was married a second time, the bride  
 Gener- being Anna Mae Dove, b. 8-31-1894. They had one child.  
 ation:

6th Virgil L. Megee, b. 3-5-1911  
 Gener-  
 ation: \_\_\_\_\_

5th John E. Jr. was married a third time, the bride being  
 Gener- Electa Ann (Vickers) Parsons, b. July 1898. They had two  
 ation: children:

6th Josephine Megee, b. 4-20-1937  
 Gener- Alice G. " , b. 9-16-1939  
 ation: \_\_\_\_\_

6th Irvin Megee, b. in 1902, son of John E. Jr. and  
 Gener- Marella K. (Tyre) Megee. He married Edna Chandler, b. in  
 ation: 1902. They had three children: Gladys, Armenia and Roy

7th Gladys Megee, daughter of Irvin and Edna (Chandler)  
 Gener- Megee. She married Harry Knox and they had one child;  
 ation: namely:

8th Harriett Knox, who married Irving Ritter of Lewes,  
 Gener- Delaware. They have no children as of 1961.  
 ation: \_\_\_\_\_

7th Armenia Megee, the second child of Irvin and Edna  
 Gener- (Chandler) Megee. She married (1st m.) Horace Phillips.  
 ation: They had two daughters, namely:

8th Carol Phillips ----- and ----- Marie Phillips  
 Gener-  
 ation:

Armenia (Megee) Phillips was married a second time,  
 the groom being James Havens and they had one child as of  
 1961; namely:





8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Roy Havens, b. 11-22-1959

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7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Roy Megee, the third child of Irvin and Edna (Chandler) Megee, -----born in 1931 and was "Called Home" in 1932.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Virgil L. Megee, b. 3-5-1911, married Mabel D. Joseph, b. 7-22-1912. They had two children, namely:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Patricia A., b. 12-3-1931  
Sharon Lee, b. 11-15-1945

Patricia A. Megee, daughter of Virgil L. and Mabel D. (Joseph) Megee, married Edward Reed (1st m.) and they had two children:

8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Robin Reed, b. 11-30-1954  
George L. Reed, b. 2-21-1956

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Patricia A. (Megee) Reed married a second time, the groom being George Fensick. As of 1961 they had one child.

8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Ronald G. Fensick, b. 2-1-1958

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7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Sharon Lee Megee, the second child of Virgil L. and Mabel D. (Joseph) Megee, b. 11-15-1945. As of mid-year 1961 she was unmarried.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Josephine S. Megee, b. 4-20-1937, daughter of John E. Jr. and Electa Ann (Vickers) Parsons Megee. She married Ralph W. Dorey, b. 12-18-1930. As of mid-year 1961 they had three children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

William J. Dorey, b. 10-30-1954  
Denise C. " , b. 11-17-1956  
Timothy R. " , b. 4-14-1958

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Alice G. Megee, b. 9-16-1939, the second child of John E. Jr. and Electa Ann (Vickers) Parsons Megee. She married Norman L. Betts, b. 1-6-1934. Their three children:





7th                    Paul L. Betts, b. 9- 5-1954  
Gener-                Randy S.        " , b. 12-17-1956  
ation:                Mark L.        " , b. 11-14-1958

This concludes John E. Megee Jr. (three marriages) and  
descendants, as of mid-year 1961.

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5th  
Gener- George Megee, b. 1883, son of John E. (Sr.) and Alice  
ation: K. (Derrickson) Megee, a grandson of John R. and Mary Jane  
(Steele) Megee. George was a tugboatman for the major por-  
tion of his working life. He married Madelyn Murray.  
Their three children:

6th  
Gener- Edwin J. Megee, b. 8- 9-1912  
ation: Calvin " , b. year-1914-----died 1933, 19 years  
Floyd A. " , b. 5-22-1917

6th  
Gener- Edwin J. Megee, b. 8-9-1912, married (1st m.) Grace  
ation: Duncan, b. 2-7-1920. They had one child, namely -----  
Dennis Megee, b. 6-28-1951. Grace (Duncan) Megee reached  
"Journey's End" in 1958.

Edwin J. married a second time, the bride being Ruth  
Tuschoff. No children by this marriage.

6th  
Gener- Floyd A. Megee, b. 5-22-1917, the youngest of three  
ation: children of George and Madelyn (Murray) Megee. He married  
(1st m.) Myrtle Shockley. Their three children:

7th  
Gener- Rheba Megee, b. 2-17-1938  
ation: Floyd E. " , b. 2- 8-1939  
Yvonne C. " , b. 3-18-1942

Floyd A. Megee was married a second time, the bride  
being Dorothy Mumford, b. 4-2-1929. They have three children.

7th  
Gener- Terry A. Megee, 5-22-1956  
ation: Rhonda Lynn " , 5-26-1958  
Cheryl Ann " , 5-23-1962

Floyd A. resides in Georgetown, where he operates a  
garage and the Studebaker Auto Agency.

7th  
Gener- Rheba Megee, b. 2-17-1938, married William T. Fleetwood,  
ation: b. in February 1938. They have two children.

8th  
Gener- Jeffrey Fleetwood, b. 5-24-1958  
ation: William Andrew " , b. 2-25-1962

7th  
Gener- Floyd E. Megee, b. 2-8-1939, married Gail Pettyjohn,  
ation: b. 2-19-1941, daughter of Golda Pettyjohn Jr. and wife,  
of near St. John's Church and cross-roads, near Georgetown,  
Delaware. Their children:





8th                      Liza Gaye Megee, b. 9-8-1961  
 Gener-                  Ron David        " , b. 2-15-1963 }  
 ation:                  Don William    " , b. 2-15-1963 }twins

Floyd and Gail reside near St. John's Church on the Millsboro to Milton Highway.

7th                      Yvonne C. Megee, b. 3-18-1942, the youngest of three  
 Gener- children of Floyd A. and Myrtle (Shockley) Megee. She  
 ation: married Jay King, and they have one child,----Jay King Jr.  
          b. 9-10-1962.

5th                      Allie Megee, b. 11-29-1886, daughter of John E. Sr.  
 Gener- and Alice K. (Derrickson) Megee of Baltimore Hundred. She  
 ation: was the youngest of five adult children. She married  
          Thomas W. Rickards, b. 5-14-1886. Their children:

6th                      Ursula E. Rickards, b. 7-23-1907 --- d. at young age  
 Gener- Joseph C.        " , b. 2-23-1910  
 ation:

Thomas W. Rickards was "Summoned Home" in 1933, aged 47 years. Joseph C. (the son) was "Called Home" in 1933, aged 23 years.

Allie (Megee) Rickards did not remarry but has continued to live in the Millville-Ocean View area and is "Aunt Allie and Cousin Allie" to a large number of John E. and Alice C. (Derrickson) Megee's descendants, as well as many others of the overall family.

The writer has enjoyed knowing "Cousin Allie" Rickards. A very fine woman of 75 years in 1961, and a good listener to her numerous relatives and friends. She performed a great job in securing data for the John E. Megee Sr. and descendants family. She also added to the material for "Aunt" Anna Nancy Lewis, which was initially supplied in part by Cousin (Mrs.) Kate (Megee) Chamberlin. Her aid and cooperation in contacting others of the family has been of substantial help in the development of a more complete record from several members of the overall family in Baltimore Hundred.

NOTE: This concludes the seven children of John E. and Alice K. (Derrickson) Megee----(five adults and one set of twins, the latter being "Summoned Home" at the age of a little more than three years.)

Incidentally, John E. and Alice K. (Derrickson) Megee were privileged to have membership in that rather exclusive group, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, as of 9-17-1924, and their total life partnership was almost 54½ years.





3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

Nathaniel Megee, b. 5-13-1854, son of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee. He married Cora S. Steele on January 1, 1875 (as recorded in the Marriage File of the Hall of Records, Dover, Dela.) NOTE--(A good way to have started the New Year). Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Handy Holt Megee, b. 2-3-1876  
LeRoy Megee, b. 10-28-1877  
Adella Megee, b. 4-13-1879  
Hettie Megee, b. 10-28-1881

Nathaniel was a farmer in the same general area as where born and reared. He reached "Journey's End" March 14, 1915, aged about 61 years.

His widow Cora (Steele) Megee was "Called Home" 5-1-1952. They were buried in St. George's Cemetery at Clarks-ville, along the side facing the Clarksville-Dagsboro highway.

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Handy Holt Megee, b. 2-3-1876. He was married (first) to Ella M. Mitchell on 11-29-1899 by Rev. F. F. Carpenter. Their children.

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Dorothy Mae Megee, b. 9-16-1900  
Ralph T. " ", b. 10-16-1902

Mrs. Ella (Mitchell) Megee reached "Journey's End" 8-29-1909, and burial was in Mechanics Cemetery at Millville, Delaware.

Handy Holt Megee was married a second time on 4-30-1910, the bride being Rovaldia Lynch. They had one child:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Milton Megee, b. 12-13-1914

Mrs. Rovaldia (Lynch) Megee was "Called Home" on 1-18-1955.

Handy H. and Ella (Mitchell) Megee purchased a farm in the Roxanna-Bayard-Millville area in 1902. The writer called on him at this location for the first time in 1958. A most enjoyable and information-rewarding visit.

In reply to an inquiry in 1958, as to the acreage, when purchased and price, Handy H. said it was purchased for substantially less than one thousand dollars and that they made a "Down payment" of \$200. Further that his father (Nathaniel) said that he feared they might be taking on "a heavy load". Handy H. said that strawberries were a good crop in that vicinity at the time, that he put out a considerable "patch" of berries and, during the first two years





of ownership, their strawberry crops enabled them to complete the payment in full for the farm.

He said that timber became valuable and he sold enough to pay for building a new farmhouse (still a good house).

He further said that he had at a "fairly recent date" been offered a cash price of approximately 15 times the original purchase price in 1902, but, definitely stated that it was not for sale, that he wouldn't have any place to live. With the permission of Handy H. this exchange is being recorded herein as information and as a pattern of the evolution in real estate values, which may be of interest to those who may see this historical sketch.

In August 1959, accompanied by sister, Mrs. Elsie M. Bryan, on a return trip from Pocomoke City, Maryland, a stop-off was made to see Handy H. at which time his son, Captain Ralph T. and wife, were there. The writer took a couple of snapshots of the three of them. The lateness of the afternoon, or the failure to get a better location in the yard resulted in a very poor picture.

A third call was made on Handy H., along with some others, in that vicinity, on May 28, 1961, at which time his sister, Mrs. Hettie Barnett, accompanied by her niece (also Mr. Handy's niece), Mary Cora (Dale) Wooley and her husband John Davidson Wooley, were making a short visit there. Handy H. was 85 years and 3 months old. He was very alert, active and well informed on current local, state and national subjects. He was proud of a relatively new table television presented by his son, Captain Ralph, and reported the great enjoyment he derived from it. Some three or four snapshots were taken and they turned out reasonably good. To the writer it was a very rewarding visit.

P. S. NOTE: Handy Holt Megee reached "Journey's End" at his home 5-18-1962, aged 86 years and 3 months. Interment at St. Georges Cemetery, Clarksville, Delaware, 5-21-1962.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:     Dorothy Mae Megee, b. 9-16-1900, daughter of Handy H. and Ella (Mitchell) Megee. She was married on January 1, 1927, to Howard J. Burton, b. 5-12-1897 son of Robert and Carrie (Webb) Burton of Redden, Delaware.

They lived in or near Milton, Delaware. Howard J. Burton was "Called Home" at a much too early age, on September 5, 1945. He was only about 48 years and 4 months old at his death. No children by this union.

Dorothy Mae (Megee) Burton has continued to live in





in Milton, where she is employed. She kept in close touch with her father by 'phone and frequent visits.

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6th                      Ralph T. Megee, b. 10-16-1902, son of Handy H. and  
Gener-   Ella (Mitchell) Megee. He married Elizabeth Lockwood of  
ation:   Dagsboro, Delaware on January 20, 1924. Their children:

7th                      Dorothy E. Megee 3-24-1926  
Gener-   Ralph T. Jr.        1-31-1937  
ation:

Ralph T. (Sr.) became a seaman--a tugboatman on the Delaware River, principally. He received his Master's papers and has followed this occupation since leaving the farm.

In connection with Captain Ralph T. the writer, while located in Pittsburgh in the late 1930's, held some exchanges with a first cousin, William H. Megee Jr. of Philadelphia, associated with Megee Brothers, Ship Brokers. In his letter of March 7, 1940, concerning the FAMILY TREE PROJECT, Cousin Will said,---"I noted in the Philadelphia paper the other morning that the Captain of a tug boat which sank up the river was a Ralph MeGee. I want to look him up and find who his grandfather was."

The writer is very doubtful that Cousin William H. Jr.'s intentions were carried out---at least he never wrote about the matter, and unfortunately was "Called Home" not too long afterward. Factually, Cousin William H. Jr. was of the 5th generation and a great grandson of William Megee, b. 9-30-1775 and his first wife, Sarah (Ennis) Megee, via Moses b. 2-21-1819, thence William H. Sr. b. in 1848, and Will Jr. in 1877. Captain Ralph T. is a great-great grandson of the same William Megee, b. 9-30-1775, and his second wife, Mary Megee, via John R. b. in 1823, thence Nathaniel b. in 1854, thence Handy H. MeGee in 1876, and Captain Ralph in 1902.

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7th                      Dorothy E. MeGee b. 3-24-1926, daughter of Captain  
Gener-   Ralph T. and Elizabeth (Lockwood) MeGee, was married July  
ation:   12, 1957 to Charles Williams, a tugboatman of Philadelphia area on the Delaware River and its tributaries. They live in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. No children as of 1961.

7th                      Ralph T. Jr., b. 1-31-1937, is unmarried at this time (1961).  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    Milton McGee, b. 12-13-1914, son of Handy H. and  
Gener-    Roaldia (Lynch) McGee, was married to Anna Hudson 2-26-  
ation:    1933. Their children:

7th                    Edith McGee, b. 3-15-1937  
Gener-                Roaldie " , b. 11-10-1939  
ation:                Milton " Jr., b. 8- 4-1942

Milton McGee Sr. reached "Journey's End" 1-11-1957  
at the early age of 42 years plus. Burial in St. Georges  
Cemetery, at Clarksville, Delaware.

As of mid-year 1961, the three children of Milton and  
Anna (Hudson) McGee are unmarried.

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Anna (Hudson) McGee was married a second time, in 1960  
to Elijah Shockley.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: LeRoy Megee, b. 10-28-1877-----d. 6-26-1956, aged 78 years and 8 months. He was the son of Nathaniel and Cora (Steele) Megee. He was married 9-30-1902 to Mattie L. Derrickson, b. 8-21-1884. Their eleven adult children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Nettie Megee, b. 5-12-1903    Leona Megee, b. 9-9-1904  
Ella Mae " , b. 4-2-1909    Doris L. " b. 2-21-1911  
Chester J. " , b. 5-15-1913    Edna Cora " b. 6-19-1915  
Vernon L. " , b. 8-13-1917    Charles H. " b. 2-13-1920  
Raymond N. " , b. 6-17-1922    Allen Morris, b. 6-16-1925  
Mattie L. " , b. 11-15-1928

LeRoy was a farmer throughout his life until the later years when he retired and lived in Millville, Delaware. The newspaper report said "He left 11 children, 29 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren". Incidentally, LeRoy and Mattie Louise (Derrickson) Megee had been married for 53 years and 9 months, when he reached "Journey's End" in June 1956, and were members of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation: Nettie Megee, b. 5-12-1903, was married (first) to Frank McCabe in early 1919. Their five children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: James McCabe, b. 2-28-1920    William McCabe 1-22-1923  
Viola " , b. Feb.-1925    Ellwood " in-1928  
Roland " , b. 8-19-1929

Frank McCabe was "Called Home" at too early an age in 1929.

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Nettie (Megee) McCabe was married a second time,----- the groom, Fred Eather. Their four children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Beatrice Eather, in 1931    Norma Eather, in 1933  
Joyce and Jane,--in 1935(twins). They died in infancy.

Fred Eather died in 1939, and Nettie (Megee) McCabe Eather was married a third time---the groom being Marvel Jones and they reside in Georgetown, Delaware.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation: Leona Megee, b. 9-9-1904. She was married on 7-22-1942 to Sidney G. Krusty, b. 12-2-1903. They reside in Philadelphia. No children.

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6th                    Ella Mae Megee, b. 4-2-1909. She married Horace Tyre,  
Gener-                b. in 1909, son of Elijah and Maggie L. (Megee) Tyre. They  
ation:                had one child:

7th                    Gladys Mae Tyre, b. 7-13-1927. She married Harry C.  
Gener-                Hudson, b. 10-20-1924. Their children:  
ation:

8th                    Harriett Jane Hudson, 1-11-1947  
Gener-                Kenneth Harry                "                , 2-17-1949  
ation:                Elaine Barbara                "                , 6- 1-1950  
                         Neva Lee                        "                , 8-25-1953  
                         Rickey Owen                    "                , 3-23-1955

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6th                    Doris Lucinda Megee (known as Doris) b. 2-21-1911.  
Gener-                She married James Russell Megee (known as Russell) b.  
ation:                12-28-1913. Children:

7th                    Clayton H. Megee                Dolores A. Megee  
Gener-                Mary Jane                        "                Douglas Layton Megee  
ation:

J. Russell Megee reached "Journey's End" 9-18-1954,  
at a much too early age of 40 years and 9 months. His  
widow, Doris L. and children continued to reside at their  
home in Ocean View, Delaware.

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6th                    Chester Jones Megee (known as Chester) b. 5-15-1913.  
Gener-                He married Margaret Vickers on 5-12-1935. Their children:  
ation:

7th                    Chester Neil, b. 5-20-1936 ----- d. 5-3-1956  
Gener-                Richard Lee, b. 7-14-1942  
ation:                Fay Megee, b. 1-27-1945

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6th                    Edna Cora Megee (known as Edna) b. 6-19-1915 and was  
Gener-                married in May 1936 to Roland P. Adkins, b. 5-14-1908.  
ation:                Children:

7th                    Darold-----Roleene-----Robert Adkins  
Gener-                Edna and Roland Adkins reside in Dagsboro, Delaware.  
ation:

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6th                    Vernon LeRoy Megee (known as Vernon) b. 8-13-1917.  
Gener-                He was married 7-20-1944 to Beatrice Bunting, b. 10-7-1920.  
ation:                Their children: (Four)





7th                    Gerald Megee ----- Glenn Megee  
Gener-                Sharon Lee (died in infancy)  
ation:                'Gene Megee

Vernon and family reside in or near Bishop, Maryland.

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6th                    Charles Harrison Megee (known as Harrison) b. 2-13-  
Gener- 1920. He was married 9-14-1941 to Madelyn Savage,  
ation: b. 2-27-1920. They live at or near Ocean View, Delaware,  
and have one child.

7th                    C. Harrison Megee Jr., b. 7-1-1942  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    Allen Megee, b. 6-16-1925. He was in Military service  
Gener- in World War II and married a young lady of California.  
ation: Their children as of 1961:

7th                    Ronnie Megee, b. 7--11--1946, in California  
Gener- Sharon Lee ", b. In Sept., 1950 "  
ation:

After residing for some 16 years or more in California,  
Allen and family moved back to the "Ould sod" of Sussex  
County, Delaware in 1961. They reside at Georgetown, Dela-  
ware.

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6th                    Mattie Louise (known as Louise) b. 11-15-1928, the  
Gener- youngest of eleven adult children of LeRoy and Mattie L.  
ation: (Derrickson) Megee of Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County,  
Delaware. She was married on 11-11-1946 to Samuel Vallina  
(known as Sam) b. 7-5-1921. Their children:

7th                    Sandra Louise Vallina, b. 2-14-1948  
Gener- Samuel Jr.                " (known as Sammie) b. 7-4-1949  
ation:

The Samuel Vallinas reside in Ocean City, Maryland

NOTE: This brings to a close the family of LeRoy and Mattie  
L. (Derrickson) Megee, and descendants up to mid-year of  
1961. A very large and interesting family.

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5th                    Adella Megee, b. 4-13-1879, the daughter of Nathaniel  
Gener-   and Cora (Steele) Megee of Baltimore Hundred. She married  
ation:   James W. Dale on January 20, 1904. They had one child:

6th                    Mary Cora Dale, b. 10-20-1908. She was married on  
Gener-   June 21, 1956 to John Davidson Wooley, b. 6-22-1901. They  
ation:   have no children.

James W. Dale reached "Journey's End" on July 28,  
1930. His widow was "Summoned Home" on May 30, 1957.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting and visiting  
for an hour with Mary C. (Dale) Wooley and her husband,  
John D. Wooley, at the home of Handy H. Megee, May 28,  
1961.

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5th                    Hettie Megee, b. 10-20-1881, the youngest of four  
Gener-   children of Nathaniel and Cora (Steele) Megee. She was  
ation:   married in April 1904 to William Barnett. Their issue:

6th                    George Barnett, b. 4-14-1908. He was married 3-17-1934  
Gener-   to Erma Palmer, b. 9-4-1906. They have no children.  
ation:

William Barnett was a farmer and raiser of broilers.  
They observed their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY in April  
1954 with an "Open House" to relatives and friends at  
their home in or near Ocean View, Delaware. William  
Barnett reached "Journey's End" in 1960.

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This brings to a close the record to-date for  
Nathaniel and Cora (Steele) Megee.

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

Charles Burton Megee (known as Charles B.) born 3-2-1859, son of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee. He was married (first) to Emma Tyre of the same area on 12-4-1881 by Rev. W. R. Tubbs. Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Mamie Megee, b. 1-18-1883  
Swainey " , b. 5-22-1884  
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Megee, b. 12-5-1887

Mrs. Emma (Tyre) Megee was summoned "Home" on August 14, 1902. Burial in Millville Cemetery.

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Charles B. was married a second time, 12-19-1906 to Lottie Robinson, b. 7-28-1890 of the same general area of Baltimore Hundred. Children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Claramond Megee, b. 10-31-1908  
Pansy Emma " , b. 1-19-1912  
Isabelle L. " , b. 8-21-1914

Charles B. Megee was a farmer. A various times he made brief visits in the 1905---1925 period with relatives in the Harbeson-Milton area. A call was made on him at his home in 1939 concerning the possibility of an old family Bible that might carry some data with respect to his grandparents, William and Mary Megee.

He was 80 years old but his memory was good. He reviewed the names of his uncles and aunts who, with his father, made up the seven children of William and Mary Megee born between January 1, 1823 and about 1835. He promised to make inquiries of some others of the family and, if any tangible results, he would advise.

Incidentally, in connection with Charles B. and his next older brother, Nathaniel, --- their sister, Kate (Megee) Chamberlin, said that both of these brothers were admirers of good horses. She said that Charles B. was reported to own at one time a pacer for which he had declined an offer of \$250 in a period when horses were cheap. The subject was mentioned to Handy H. Megee during the writer's visit in 1958 and he recalled his father driving up to near Milton, Delaware in the 1890s to see Captain George E. Megee about a good trotting horse.

Charles B. Megee died June 30, 1941, aged 82 years, and 3 months, Burial at Millville Cemetery. His widow,





Lottie (Robinson) Megee continued at the home place at Clarksville until her death 10-27-1951, aged 61 years and 3 months.

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5th                    Mamie Megee, b. 1-18-1883, daughter of Charles B. and  
Gener-                Emma (Tyre) Megee, was married to Edgar Evans. Their  
ation:                children:

6th                    John Evans, b. {estimated about early 1900}  
Gener-                Emma        "        , b. {        "        "        "        1901}  
ation:

John Evans is reported to have died in 1903, aged about three years, along with his mother Mamie (Megee) Evans, as the result of an explosion which wrecked the house where they were living.

Emma Evans, estimated as having been born about 1901, was married to Clarence Justice of the Ocean View area. As of mid-year 1961, she is reported living near Ocean View, Delaware.

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5th                    Swainey Megee, b. 5-22-1884, son of Charles B. and  
Gener-                Emma (Tyre) Megee. NOTE---Cousin Ethella (Chamberlin)  
ation:                Dutterer says the name Swainey was developed from the  
                         name of Rev. Swain, a beloved Minister of St. Georges  
                         Church at Clarksville.

Swainey married Rovaldia (known as Valda) Bennett. He was seriously injured in the explosion of 1903 but lived until 1908. Burial in St. George's Church Cemetery. They had no children.

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5th                    Elizabeth (Lizzie) Megee, b. 12-5-1887, the third and  
Gener-                youngest child of Charles B. and Emma (Tyre) Megee. She  
ation:                married Aubrey Bennett son of John Bennett and a brother  
                         of Rovaldia (Valda) who had married Lizzie's brother,  
                         Swainey. They had one child:

6th                    Swainey Bennett, b. 2-28-1905, named for his uncle  
Gener-                Swainey Megee. He married Marie Shoop, b. 6-12-1905.  
ation:                Their three children:

7th                    Elizabeth Marie Bennett, b. 11-23-1926, was married on  
Gener-                8-15-1948 to John Evans, b. 12-24-1928. Their issue:  
ation:

8th                    Scott Evans, b. 7-17-1949  
Gener-  
ation:

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7th                    Frank Bennett, b. 1-7-1928. He married Miriam Marvel,  
Gener- b. 9-14-1927. As of mid-year 1961, they had one child.  
ation:

8th                    Frank S. Bennett, b. 3-1-1946  
Gener-  
ation: -----

7th                    Gloria Bennett, the youngest child of Swainey and  
Gener- Marie (Shoop) Bennett, b. 4-23-1933. She was married  
ation: 8-18-1951 to Ronald McCabe, b. 9-15-1932. As of 1962,  
their children:

8th                    Karen McCabe, b. 10-12-1953  
Gener- Jamie McCabe, b. 10- 3-1961  
ation:

Swainey Bennett, son of Aubrey and Elizabeth (Lizzie)  
(Megee) Bennett, resides in Clarksville, Delaware.

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5th                    Claramond Megee, b. 10-31-1908, daughter of Charles  
Gener- B. and Lottie (Robinson) Megee. She married Ralph Leedom  
ation: of Media, Pennsylvania. They reside in Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida. They have no children.

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5th                    Pansy Emma Megee, (known as Emma) b. 1-19-1912, married  
Gener- Alfred Logan of Chester, Pennsylvania, 12-14-1940. Their  
ation: children:

6th                    Alfred Logan Jr., b. 11-19-1942, in Chester, Pa.  
Gener- Richard C. "                    , b. 7-24-1954, "                    "  
ation:

Alfred Logan Sr., has been with the Baltimore Anker  
Company for many years. They reside on Beckley Place,  
Chester, Pennsylvania.

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5th                    Isabelle Lillie Megee, (known as Isabelle) b. 8-21-1914,  
Gener- the youngest of three children of Charles B. and Lottie  
ation: (Robinson) Megee, Millville-Clarksville, Delaware. Has one  
daughter, Charlotte A.

Isabelle L. was married on 11-19-1952 to Bernard L.  
Johnson, a well known mechanic and electrician, who owns  
and operates JOHNSON'S REFRIGERATION SERVICE, (Refrigera-  
tion - Heating - Air Conditioning) at Millville, Delaware.

6th                    Charlotte A. b. 3-8-1932, married Richard Fordham, son  
Gener- of Thomas Vaughn, (but adopted by his grandfather Rev.  
ation: Harold Fordham, who reared him). Children of Charlotte  
and Richard are:





7th      Beverly Jane Fordham, b. 12-23-1951  
Gener-    Richard V.                "    , b. 3-29-1953  
ation:    Thomas V.                "    , b. 6-22-1955  
          Deborah Lee             "    , b. 10-8- 1956  
          Michael B.             "    , b. 1-12-1960  
          Lawrence C.            "    , b. 3- 2-1961  
          Marianna G.           "    , b. 9- 6-1962

Charlotte and Richard Fordham built a home in Millville, Delaware, and he is employed in Salisbury, Maryland, as of 1963.

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3rd Children and Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th Isaac S. Megee, b. 6-20-1861, son of John R. and Mary  
 Gener- Jane (Steele) Megee. Apparently named for his uncle Isaac  
 ation: W. Megee, b. about 1830.

Isaac S. married, 12-23-1888, Venia Addie Lynch (known  
 as Vina) b. 8-31-1873, by Rev. S. N. Pilchard. Their child:

5th Carrie Elsie Megee (known as Elsie), b. 7-5-1890  
 Gener-

ation: Isaac S. was a farmer. He reached "Journey's End" on  
 August 5, 1926, aged 65 years.

Venia Addie (Vina Lynch) was "Called Home" 9-5-1943,  
 aged 70 years.

Both were buried at St. Georges, Clarksville, Delaware  
 near where they had been reared and had lived.

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5th C. Elsie Megee, b. 7-5-1890, was married (first) on  
 Gener- 12-25-1909 to Robert Marvin Townsend (known as Marvin)  
 ation: b. 12-3-1876. Their three children:

6th Eva M. Townsend, b. 1-19-1911  
 Gener- Frank " , b. 5-15-1913  
 ation: Addie M. " , b. 9-14-1919

R. Marvin Townsend died April 17, 1932, aged about 55  
 years and 4 months. Burial at St. Georges, Clarksville,  
 Delaware.

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C. Elsie (Megee) Townsend was married a second time  
 about 1942 --- to Emory Ellis. They lived at Clarksville.  
 No children by this marriage. Emory Ellis was "Called  
 Home" in 1954.

The writer, while enroute to Ocean City, made a brief  
 call on Elsie (Megee) Townsend-Ellis in 1955. She was  
 summoned to that "Eternal Home" some three months later on  
 11-20-1955. Services and burial at St. Georges Methodist  
 Church and adjoining cemetery, Clarksville.

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6th Eva M. Townsend, b. 1-19-1911. She married Charles J.  
 Gener- West, b. 2-7-1917. They were married 5-14-1936 and are  
 ation: engaged in farming and raising of broilers, relatively close





to Clarksville, on the road leading to Dagsboro. Their children:

7th                                      Wayne R. West, b. 12-23-1937  
Gener-                                      Sandra M.    "    , b. 11-3 -1941  
ation:

Wayne R. West was married 9-1-1956 to Bonnie Tingle, b. 1-21-1938.

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6th                                      Frank Townsend, b. 5-15-1913. He was married on  
Gener- 3-6-1937 to Helen Tyre, b. 8-21-1917. They live in the  
ation: general Clarksville area. Their children:

7th                                      Gerald Townsend, b. 7-8-1938  
Gener-                                      Roger        "        , b. 3-12-1944  
ation:

Gerald Townsend was married on 5-16-1959 to Joan Collins, b. 4-4-1938. Their child:

8th  
Gener-  
ation:

Mark Townsend, b. 7-10-1960

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6th                                      Addie M. Townsend, b. 9-14-1919, the third and young-  
Gener- est child of R. Marvin Townsend and his wife, C. Elsie  
ation: (Megee) Townsend. She was married on 10-15-1938 to George E. Godfrey, b. 12-24-1916. Their child:

7th                                      Barry G. Godfrey, b. 2-22-1947  
Gener-  
ation:

George E. and Addie M. (Townsend) Godfrey are farming and raising poultry, living near St. Georges Church, Clarksville, Delaware.

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

Eunice Katherine Megee (known as Kate) b. 9-27-1863,-----  
9-15-1959, daughter of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee.  
In a letter dated 2-19-1955 from Cousin Kate (written by  
her daughter Ethella, due to eyesight disability) she said,  
"I was born in the Ocean View area, somewhere right off  
the road from Millville to Bethany Beach. My parents moved  
a few times right within a radius of four or five miles of  
that original site."

"My father died in 1878 somewhere around what was  
locally known as 'Miller's Neck' between Bethany Beach and  
Fenwick's Island. My Mother died in 1908 at my sister  
Hester's, near Millville."

Kate Megee was married 6-24-1883 to James Gardiner  
Chamberlin, b. 1-13-1854 Blackwater district, between Clarks-  
ville and Dagsboro. Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

George Rickards Chamberlin, b. 7-28-1884  
John Chamberlin, b. 10-25-1888 ----died in infancy  
Ethella Katherine Chamberlin, b. 1-17-1890  
Anna Nettie Chamberlin, b. 4-5-1904

James Gardiner Chamberlin worked in Baltimore Hundred,  
as an operating engineer at sawmills and grist mills.  
After their moving to Philadelphia, he worked in the latter  
city as a tugboatman and later was engineer at the Metho-  
dist Hospital. He reached "Journey's End" 9-15-1918 aged  
about 64 years and 8 months. Burial at St. Georges, Clarks-  
ville, Delaware.

His widow, Eunice Katherine (Megee) Chamberlin, con-  
tinued to live in Philadelphia. She was married a second  
time in 1920 to Frank Myers. By mutual agreement this  
marriage was terminated within a very short period. There  
were no children.

The subject of these comments was a woman of strong  
convictions. Likewise she maintained contacts, direct and  
indirect, with all branches of her family. At various  
times she was in contact with the children of her half-  
uncle, Moses Megee, b. 1819----d. 1888 (the youngest child  
of William Megee's first marriage), and among these con-  
tacts were Captain William H. Megee (b. 1848) of Phila-  
delphia, and Alfred H. Megee (b. 1865) near Harbeson.

Following the early Post-World War II years, when the  
writer in 1950 again re-activated the FAMILY TREE PROJECT,  
Cousin Kate, with her prodigious memory, was most co-opera-  
tive in brushing aside the cobwebs from some of the not-





too-frequently used corridors of "Memory Hall". With the help of her daughter and two grandchildren to do the writing, she supplied much of the primary information which the writer has assembled, concerning the seven children of William (2nd m.) and his wife Mary (surname unknown) Megee, (the seven children being born between January 1, 1823 and the year 1835.

Kate (Megee) Chamberlin reached "Journey's End" in Philadelphia, 9-15-1959, twelve days prior to her 96th birthday. She and her family had lived for many years at the same location on Standwood street, in North Philadelphia.

A viewing was held at Millsboro, September 18, 1959, in the evening. A large number of relatives, principally of her paternal side were among those registered. A few nephews and nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces, with numerous cousins of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th times removed, the last named class including the writer and two brothers, with one sister-in-law in attendance.

The last of a generation of eleven adult children of her father and mother. She lived probably in one of the greatest growth periods of this Nation. The Century following the War between the States, saw these United States "Come of age". The Western frontiers were pushed back by migration from the East and the South, plus the emigration from Europe, including the British Isles; The opening of Trans-continental rail service was the greatest development in the settlement of Western territory; An era of great inventions; The creation of large Industrial Corporations; An era of unparalleled growth in communications by Rail; by Inland waterways; by Automobiles; Airplane and Pipelines. The period of the greatest electronic growth, namely, the 'phone, wireless, radio, television, and numerous other items of the mechanical age.

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5th                    George Rickards Chamberlin, b. 7-28-1884. He was married in Philadelphia, to Mae E. Taylor, b. 6-11-1888. They were "Called Home" 3-25-1947 and 11-2-1950 respectively, each being 62 years of age plus. Both were buried in Philadelphia. Their children (total eight):

6th                    Ruth Hope Chamberlin, b. 5-7-1907, ----- d. 11-1-1938, age about thirty one and one-half years. She married John Sutton of Philadelphia. They had no children.

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6th                    Warren Gardiner Chamberlin, b. 5-17-1909. He was married 2-14-1931, to Pauline Knox. Their children (two):  
 ation: W. George and Earl A.





7th                    George was married 8-3-1957. He and his wife have  
Gener- two sons, Brian George, b. 1-18-1960 and Richard Allan,  
ation: b. 8-10-1962.

7th                    Earl A. was married 8-26-1961. He and his wife have  
Gener- one child, Dawn Renee', b. 2-8-1963.  
ation:

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6th                    Ethella Marie Chamberlin, b. 4-18-1911. She married  
Gener- Earl G. Webster on 7-16-1932. Their children.  
ation:

7th                    Two sons.  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    Florence Isabel Chamberlin, b. 2-1-1913, was married  
Gener- 1-29-1931 to George Steele. They had one son and one  
ation: daughter of the 7th generation. Both are married and have  
children (8th generation).

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6th                    George Rickards Chamberlin Jr., b. 1-10-1915---died in  
Gener- infancy 9-8-1915.  
ation:

6th                    Anna Kathryn Chamberlin, b. 4-21-1916----died 8-31-1918  
Gener-  
ation: -----

6th                    Alice Mae Chamberlin, b. 10-10-1922. She was married  
Gener- 6-9-1945 to Albert Schultz. Their child as of 1961:  
ation:

7th                    A daughter, Dale Ruth Schultz, b. 5-1-1947  
Gener-  
ation: -----

6th                    James Gardiner Chamberlin, b. 11-14-1926, the youngest  
Gener- of eight children of George Rickards Chamberlin and his  
ation: wife, Mae B. (Taylor) Chamberlin. He was married 4-19-1947  
to Josephine Fries, of Glenside, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia  
district). Their children:

7th                    George Rickards Chamberlin, b. 10-15-1953  
Gener- Jon David Chamberlin,                    b. 1-22-1960  
ation:

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5th                    Ethella K. Chamberlin, b. 1-17-1890, daughter of James  
Gener-   Gardiner Chamberlin and his wife, Eunice Katherine (Kate  
ation:   Megee) Chamberlin. Ethella was married (1st) to John Lingo  
Rickards of Dagsboro, Delaware. Their child:

6th                    John Ernest Rickards, b. 6-24-1908, (known as Ernest)  
Gener-  
ation:                This marriage was terminated about a year after the  
birth of Ernest Rickards. John Lingo Rickards died in  
1957 in Dagsboro, Delaware.

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Ethella K. (Chamberlin) Rickards was married a second  
time on 5-5-1917 to Charles Leroy Dutterer, b. 1893, of  
Littlestown, Pennsylvania (near Gettysburg). He died in  
1950 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, aged about 57 years.  
Their children:

6th                    James William Dutterer, b. 9- 1-1918, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener-   Ethella Eunice                    "                    , b. 8-26-1932,                    "  
ation:

The family has resided on Stanwood Street, Philadelphia  
for many years. The widow, Ethella Dutterer, and two sons,  
both of whom are unmarried, reside at the same location in  
mid-year 1961. (J. Ernest Rickards and J. William Dutterer.)

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6th                    Ethella Eunice Dutterer (known as Ethella) b. 8-26-  
Gener-   1932, was married September 12, 1959 to Gale Fields of  
ation:   Philadelphia. They moved to Washington, D. C., where Gale  
was employed, and lived in Arlington, Virginia until the  
latter half of 1961, when Gale resigned and entered business  
on behalf of himself in Philadelphia. Their child:

7th                    Forrest Maynard Fields, b. 6-27-1960, Arlington, Virginia  
Gener-  
ation:                They are currently (late 1961) residing in Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

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5th                    Anna Nettie Chamberlin, b. 4-5-1904, the youngest of  
Gener-   four children (of whom three reached adult age) of James  
ation:   Gardiner Chamberlin and his wife, Kate (Megee) Chamberlin.  
Anna Nettie (known as Nettie) was married in Philadelphia  
on 12-15-1928 to William Burton Cross of Boston, Massachusetts,  
a Musician in the U. S. Navy. Their child:

6th                    Gloria Ruth Cross, b. 2-28-1930  
Gener-  
ation:                Anna Nettie (Chamberlin) Cross died in Philadelphia  
3-12-1940 at the early age of 36 years. She was buried at  
St. Georges, Clarksville, Delaware. William B. Cross has



since married a second time and is now a retired Bandmaster of the U. S. Navy, living in California, as of mid-year 1961.

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6th                    Gloria Ruth Cross, b. 2-28-1930, married Michael Vargas  
Gener-   of California, in which State they are residents. Their  
ation:   children:

7th                    Bonnie Ann Vargas, b. 3-31-1949, in California  
Gener-   Michael William ", b. 3-19-1951,        "  
ation:   James Louis        ", b. 1-26-1954,        "

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3rd Children and Their Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th James Lewis Megee, (known as James) b. 9-26-1865, a  
 Gener- son of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee of Baltimore  
 ation: Hundred. He apparently was named for his uncle, James  
 Lewis of Philadelphia who married Anna Nancy Megee, b.  
 about 1827, a sister of John R. Megee, b. 1-1-1823.

James L. Megee was married (1st m.) to Louira Lynch,  
 daughter of Jacob and Louise Lynch, on 12-17-1888. The  
 said Louira died in November 1903. No children.

James L. was married a second time to Miss Elsie  
 Evans, b. 3-19-1889. She was "Called Home" on 5-19-1919.  
 No children.

He was married a third time, the bride being reported  
 as Mrs. Nellie Evans, widow of Herbert Evans. No children.

James L. Megee reached "Journey's End" 7-15-1926, aged  
 close to 61 years. Burial in Millville Cemetery, Delaware.  
 His widow, Nellie Evans Megee, continued to live in the  
 Clarksville-Millville area until she reached "Journey's  
 End" in 1962.

NOTE---by the writer: The date of birth for James  
 Lewis Megee was furnished by Mrs. Eunice Katherine (Kate)  
 (Megee) Chamberlin, along with all others of her brothers  
 and sisters. A study of the births of the 14 children (of  
 whom there were 11 adults) shows that James L's birth date  
 of 9-26-1865, is the logical location. Additionally, the  
 U. S. Census for 1870 shows him as 4 years old, (the Census  
 ages were based upon the nearest full year) and this would  
 check satisfactorily. The 1880 U. S. Census shows James  
 L. as 13 years, which would make his birth approximately  
 1867.

One of the co-workers of Mrs. Allie Rickards, in  
 assembling data for certain members which included James  
 L. Megee, in mid-summer 1961 reported that the headstone  
 marker for him in Millville Cemetery read as follows: ---  
 "James L. Megee, born 1870 ---- died 1926" with no months  
 or days.

This is not the first instance of a birth date on a  
 headstone being found in disagreement with the actual date  
 of birth. Some one may comment upon it later, therefore  
 it seems preferable to mention it here. (Space being avail-  
 able on this page). The writer is definitely of the opinion  
 that "9-26-1865" is the correct date. In any event, it  
 seems desirable to make a record of this conflict. A study





has been made of Kate (Megee) Chamberlin's information; also the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, at Dover, for James L's first marriage, 12-17-1888, --- (based on 1865 birth he was 23 years old). To use 1870 birth, he would have been only 18 years old. The weight of evidence seems definitely in favor of 9-26-1865.

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4th                    Margaret Jeannette Megee, b. 2-9-1868, one of twins  
Gener- (the other one, --Timothy--died in infancy) daughter of  
ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee of Baltimore Hundred.

Margaret Jeannette married Thomas Long of the same general area of Baltimore Hundred, and they lived in the Millville district. They had no children.

Margaret Jeannette was "Summoned Home" on 10-2- of either 1941 or 1942, aged about 73 or 74 years. Thomas Long survived her only a short time, being reported as reaching "Journey's End" in May 1943. Presumably he was approximately the same age as his wife, or possibly a bit her senior. They were buried at St. Georges Cemetery, Clarksville, Delaware.

NOTE: Unfortunately date of marriage was not listed. However, based upon "the law of averages," the said Margaret Jeannette Megee was doubtless married by the time she was 21 or 22 years old, or about 1888 to 1890, and, with a date of 1941 or 1942 for her decease, it appears safe, to assume that she and Thomas Long were eligible for membership in that exclusive group, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club. In the absence of provable data, the writer has hereby nominated this couple for 50 years or more of married partnership, and will so include them in a SPECIAL PAGE (and indexed accordingly) of those known to have been married for more than a half century. This is the only case of such inclusion without documented records.

P. S. A niece of said Margaret Jeannette, advised the writer in early 1962, that she positively believes that her Aunt and Uncle were married over 50 years.

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3rd Children and Their Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th Hester Jane Megee, b. 2-23-1871 (known as Hester)  
 Gener- the daughter of John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee.  
 ation: She married Monean Robinson, b. 4-3-1872, of the same  
 general area. Children:

5th Edward Robinson, b. 5-20-1894, at Millville, Delaware  
 Gener- John " , b. 10-28-1898, " "  
 ation: Nollie Mary " , b. 9-3-1900, " "

Hester (Megee) Robinson is the daughter with whom her  
 mother Mary Jane (Steele) Megee, is reported to have made  
 her home in the later years of her life.

Hester (Megee) Robinson died January 1, 1911, aged  
 about 39 years and 11 months. Have received no record  
 of the date of Monean Robinson's passing.

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 5th Edward Robinson, b. 5-20-1894. He was married in  
 Gener- December 1913 to Lola Marshall, b. 8-16-1896, the daughter  
 ation: of William Marshall of Virginia (probably the Eastern Shore  
 of Virginia). Their seven children:

6th Hester Robinson, b. 5-31-1915. She married Handy  
 Gener- Justice and their children were:  
 ation:

7th Rodney-----Jean-----Jackie Robinson  
 Gener-  
 ation:

6th John P. Robinson, b. 8-11-1919. He married Florence  
 Gener- Evans. Their child:  
 ation:

7th Diana, b. 6-10-1958  
 Gener-  
 ation:

6th Lois Robinson, b. 12-12-1921. She married James E.  
 Gener- Evans. Their children:  
 ation:

7th Trina, b. 1-30-1949  
 Gener- Carol Sue, b. 6-10-1958  
 ation:

6th Elizabeth Robinson, b. 1-24-1924. She married Jasper  
 Gener- Wingate. Their issue:  
 ation:





7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Gerald Wingate, b. 2-12-1943

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Grace Robinson, b. 6-28-1929. She married Robert Mitchell. As of mid-1961 no children reported.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Charles Robinson, b. 12-2-1934. He is single as of July 1, 1961.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Robert Robinson, b. 11-30-1935. He married Judy Hudson. As of mid-year 1961, no children reported.

Robert Robinson was the youngest of seven adult children of Edward Robinson, b. 5-20-1895, and Lola (Marshall) Robinson b. 8-16-1896.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation:

John P. Robinson, b. 10-28-1898, son of Monean and Hester (Megee) Robinson. He was married 2-14-1921 to Maggie Cooper, b. 11-29-1904. Their children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Paul Robinson, b. 6-8 -1922  
Betty Robinson, b. 8-13-1931

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Paul Robinson was married to Louise Kemper and their five children were:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Margaret Robinson,	b.	2-22-1942
Paul " , Jr.	b.	12-18-1944
Bruce " ,	b.	4- 4-1947
Donald " ,	b.	12-17-1950
Kevin " ,	b.	11-30-1957

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Louise (Kemper) Robinson was fatally injured in an automobile accident November 9, 1958.

Paul Robinson Sr., (6th generation) was subsequently married a second time the bride being Patricia Tucker. By this marriage:

7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Charles Wayne Robinson, b. 10-11-1960

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Betty Robinson, b. 8-13-1931, daughter of John and Maggie (Cooper) Robinson. She married Fred L. Walls, 9-17-1947. Their children:





7th Janet Walls, b.12-7-1948  
 Gener- Susan Ann Walls, b. 7-1-1955  
 ation:

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5th Nollie Mary Robinson, b. 9-3-1900, the youngest of  
 Gener- three children of Monean and Hester (Megee) Robinson. She  
 ation: married John William Justice (known as John), b. 1-25-1893.  
 Their five children:

6th William Henry Justice, b. 2-18-1917. He married Alice  
 Gener- Isabelle Steele, b. 5-9-1921.  
 ation:

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6th Henry Elmer Justice, b. 1-5-1919. Unmarried as of  
 Gener- July 1, 1961.  
 ation:

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6th George Edward Justice, b. 3-30-1923. He married Helen  
 Gener- Elizabeth Ryan, b. 9-9-1926. Their issue:  
 ation:

7th Deborah Louise Justice, b. 5-13-1954  
 Gener-  
 ation:

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6th Everett Joseph Justice, b. 5-18-1925. He married  
 Gener- Catherine Mae Dukes, b. 8-25-1924. As of mid-year 1961 no  
 ation: children.

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6th Hilda Mae Justice, b. 8-28-1931, the youngest of five  
 Gener- children of John W. and his wife, Nolly Mary (Robinson)  
 ation: Justice. Reported unmarried mid-year 1961.

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Nollie M. (Robinson) Justice died 3-10-1957, burial  
 at St. Georges, Clarksville, Delaware. John W. Justice is  
 reported active and continues to live in near the home area  
 in 1961.

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

Sarah H. Megee (known as Sallie) b. in year 1875, the youngest of 14 children, of whom eleven listed herein reached adult age and were married. She was the daughter of John R. (b. 1-1-1823) and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee (b. about 1829) of Baltimore Hundred.

The U. S. Census records for 1880 under the household of Mary J. Megee (her mother) shows the youngest member of the family at home --- "Sarah H. Megee, daughter, age 5 years."

Sallie Megee married Edgar Quillen, son of Henry Quillen of Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County. Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Sylvester Quillen, b. 8-7-1893  
Orrville " , in 1901

Sallie (Megee Quillen) died in 1902, aged about 27 years. Burial reported at Millville or Ocean View, Delaware. Edgar Quillen reached "Journey's End" 12-31-1949, probably about 74 to 77 years old.

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Sylvester Quillen, b. 8-7-1893. He married on 12-15-1914 Lida Long, b. 8-8-1893. Their two children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Elsie Mae Quillen, b. 11-22-1915  
Nettie Vester " , b. 6-14-1919

These two ladies are unmarried as of mid-year 1961. They conduct a small store between Roxana and Bayard. The writer stopped there in 1958 to ask directions for reaching the home of Handy H. Megee. Later advised Mr. Handy where inquiries were made and he said those two girls are granddaughters of Sallie (Megee) Quillen, his aunt, --- who was a sister to his father, Nathaniel Megee, therefore these two ladies were his second cousins.

Sylvester Quillen was "Called Home" February 1, 1919, about 25 years and six months old, a victim of the "Flu" epidemic, of Delaware.





5th                    Orrville Quillen, b. 1901, son of Edgar and Sallie  
 Gener-            (Megee) Quillen. He married Blanche Lathbury, b. in 1900.  
 ation:            Their five children:

6th                    Ruth Quillen, b. 5-26-1922  
 Gener-            Belva            "            , b. 6-25-1925  
 ation:            Norma           "            , b. Oct. 1931  
                   Elmer           "            , b. Year 1933  
                   Linda L.       "            , b. 5-10-1937

6th                    Ruth Quillen, b. 5-26-1922 was married 7-8-1939 to  
 Gener-            Howard Davidson---the children: (four)  
 ation:

7th                    Jean L. Davidson, b. 4-20-1940  
 Gener-            Gail Davidson, b. 5-28-1943  
 ation:            William Howard Davidson, b. 9-2-1948---died in infancy  
                   Douglas Orrville Quillen Davidson, b. 9-3-1955

8th                    Jean L. Davidson, b. 4-29-1940, was married 6-15-1958  
 Gener-            to Mervyn Dennis.  
 ation:

6th                    Belva Quillen, b. 6-25-1925 was married on 2-26-1944  
 Gener-            to Louis G. Townsend. Their children:  
 ation:

7th                    Janet Townsend, b. 11-17-1944  
 Gener-            Barry Louis       "            , b. 1-20-1951  
 ation:

6th                    Norma H. Quillen, b. October 1931. She was married in  
 Gener-            November 1951 to Clifton J. Daisey. Their issue:  
 ation:

7th                    Debbie L. Daisey, b. October 1954  
 Gener-  
 ation:

6th                    Elmer Quillen, b. in year 1933. He was married in 1950  
 Gener-            to Marian Davidson. Their children up to 1961 (total four).  
 ation:

7th                    Elmer Quillen, Jr., b. 9- 2-1951  
 Gener-            Brenda            "            , b. 3-1- 1955  
 ation            Mary Marilyn"            , b. 1-29-1958  
                   Donna Gail       "            , b. 9-14-1960





6th                    Linda Lou Quillen, b. 5-10-1937, the youngest of five  
Gener- children of Orrville and Blanche (Lathbury) Quillen. She  
ation: was married in July 1957 to Robert Edgar Dorman. Children:

7th                    Tommy Rae Dorman, in May, 1958  
Gener- Robert Todd " ", in July, 1960  
ation:

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NOTE--- This concludes, "THE CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS, of  
3rd generation, John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee.

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3rd Children and Their Descendants  
 Gener- of  
 ation: Naomi (Oma Megee) Banks and her Husband, John R. Banks

Their children:

4th Joshua----William----Eben----Ann----Lavenia----John  
 Gener-  
 ation:

No attempt has been made to follow through the above six children except certain information developed concurrently with other routine Family Tree Project data, which are shown below:

4th Eben Banks, son of Naomi (Oma Megee) Banks and John  
 Gener- R. Banks, married Mary Ann Megee, about 1881-1882. She  
 ation: was the first born child of John R. Megee and his wife,  
 Mary Jane (Steele) Megee. Eben and Mary Ann (Megee) Banks  
 had one child:

5th Timothy Banks (known as Tim) b. 4-25-1884, of Indian  
 Gener- River Hundred. He married Florence Dayton on 1-15-1911  
 ation: of the same area and they had:

6th Three children. Two lived in 1954 on a portion of  
 Gener- the Banks' farm, near his father's home.  
 ation:

Tim Banks, b. 4-25-1884-----died in the Spring of  
 1961, at his home on Long Neck road, not far from the main  
 highway, Millsboro to Rehoboth Beach, near Angola.

The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, following a call in  
 the early 1961 Springtime, on Tim Banks, advised:

"Tim Banks said that his grandfather, John R. Banks  
 was married three times, namely,----first; to Naomi Megee;  
 second to a (Christian name not recalled) Mitchell; and  
 for the third, he could not recall either the christian  
 or the surname."

"He also said that his father, Eben Banks, was married  
 (1st time) to Laura Sockriter, and second marriage to Mary  
 Ann Megee, who was his (Tim's) mother."

4th The genealogist developed from another source that  
 Gener- "Lavenia Banks, daughter of John R. and his wife, Naomi  
 ation: (Megee) Banks, married George Steele and that they lived  
 in White's Neck. Their children:

5th Jim----Ebe----(An unknown name of one)----Nellie who  
 Gener- married a Melson----and two others = total six.  
 ation:





4th                    From another source, a report was received that John  
Gener- Banks, sixth child of John R. and Naomi (Megee) Banks died  
ation: in his early youth prior to adult age.

The writer will leave to others, who may at some future time be interested, the further development of 4th Generation and their descendants, beyond the above named information.

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Children and Their Descendants  
of

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3rd ANNA NANCY MEGEE, believed born about 1826-1827. She  
Gener- married James Lewis, of Philadelphia.  
ation:

4th Two daughters of Anna Nancy (Meggee) Lewis; The older  
Gener- one died in infancy. The second, Margaret (known as Maggie  
ation: Lewis), married (1st m.) John Sharply. They had two daugh-  
ters.

5th Maggie Sharpley and Ida Sharpley  
Gener-  
ation:

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5th Maggie Sharpley, b. 2-27-1873, daughter of John Sharpley  
Gener- and Maggie (Lewis) Sharpley. She married (1st m.) William  
ation: Evans, a tugboatman. They had five children, namely-

6th Harry----Ralph----John----Gertrude----Claude  
Gener-  
ation: NOTE: John---Gertrude---and Claude died in childhood.

6th Ralph B. Evans, second child of William Evans and  
Gener- Maggie (Sharpley) Evans, b. 3-19-1896. He married Mary  
ation: Vandervort. They had three children.

7th John-----Ralph B. Jr.-----and Maria Evans  
Gener-  
ation: John, b. 4-7-1925, married Theodosia Zwaan and had two  
children.

8th Richard Evans, b. 11- 1-1950  
Gener- Roland " , b. 9-17-1953  
ation:

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7th Ralph B. Evans Jr., b. 2-22-1927, son of Ralph B. and Maria  
Gener- Vandervort Evans, married Carol Bingham and had:  
ation:

8th Douglas Evans, b. 11-9-1954 and Jean Evans, b. 10-7-  
Gener- 1956.  
ation:

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7th Maria Evans, b. 11-8-1938, married James Reynolds and  
Gener- they had two children:  
ation:

8th Catherine Reynolds, b. 1-31-1960 and Susan Reynolds,  
Gener- b. 4-25-1961.  
ation:

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5th                    Maggie (Sharpley) Evans married a second time to  
Gener- Victor Temple and they had one child:  
ation:

6th                    Clifford Temple, b. 1-16-1908. He married Mildred  
Gener- Hudson, b. 8-10-1911, and they had four children.  
ation:

7th                    Victor Temple, b. 3-15-1933, who married Cora Jean,  
Gener- b. in 1933----their two children:  
ation:

8th                    Craig, b. 1-23-1956 and Teresa Ann, b. 9-17-1959  
Gener-  
ation:

7th                    Robert Temple, b. 2-1-1943; Joyce Temple, b. 10-19-1950,  
Gener- and Cornelius, b. 12-26-1953, children of Clifford and  
ation: Mildred (Hudson) Temple, are unmarried as of mid-1961.

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6th                    Harry Temple, born as Harry Evans 1-27-1894, the old-  
Gener- est son of Maggie (Sharpley) Evans and her husband William  
ation: Evans, is understood to have legally adopted the name of  
Temple following his mother's second marriage to Victor  
Temple, I.

Harry (Evans) Temple married Dora LaFollette. They  
had two children:

7th                    Harry Temple Jr., who is married and has one child.  
Gener-  
ation:

8th                    Denise Temple.  
Gener-  
ation:

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7th                    Betty Temple, daughter of Harry Temple Sr. and wife  
Gener- Dora. She married Verne Schrader and they have one child.  
ation:

8th                    Verne Schrader Jr.  
Gener-  
ation:

5th                    Maggie (Sharpley) Evans Temple was married a third  
Gener- time to Mark Loper. They had no children.  
ation:

No advice as to when Maggie (Sharpley) Loper died. The  
writer met her at Clarksville, Delaware at her home in the  
early Spring of 1939, at which time she was about 66 years  
old and looked to be in excellent health.





5th  
Gener- Ida Sharpley, b. 1883, the second daughter of Maggie  
ation: (Lewis) Sharpley and her husband John Sharpley, and a  
granddaughter of James and Anna Nancy (Megee) Lewis. Ida  
married George Ellis of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They  
had two daughters:

6th  
Gener- Viola Ellis, born 1899  
ation: Ida " , " 1901

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6th  
Gener- Viola Ellis, b. in 1899, married Russell Pierce and  
ation: they had two children, namely:

7th  
Gener- Mabel and Alfred Pierce  
ation:

7th  
Gener- Mabel Pierce, b. in 1918, married a Robinson and they  
ation: had:

8th  
Gener- Frank Robinson, b. in 1939  
ation: Arlene " , b. in 1948

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7th  
Gener- Alfred Pierce, b. in 1920, (a great-great grandson of  
ation: Anna Nancy (Megee) Lewis, b. 1827 in Baltimore Hundred, a  
daughter of William and Mary Megee (his second marriage).  
The said Alfred Pierce is married and, in 1961, was re-  
ported as the elected Mayor of the city of Camden, New  
Jersey. They have three children:---Barbara, b. 1951;  
Delma, b. 1955; Alfred Jr., b. 1958.

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6th  
Gener- Ida Ellis, b. 1901, daughter of Ida (Sharpley) Ellis  
ation: and her husband, George Ellis, and a granddaughter of  
James and Anna Nancy (Megee) Lewis. Said Ida, b. in 1901,  
married Howard Walters. They had two daughters:

7th  
Gener- Doris and Shirley Walters  
ation:

7th  
Gener- Doris Walters, b. in 1924, married Fred Emory and  
ation: they have one child:

8th  
Gener- Fred Emory, Jr.  
ation:

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7th Shirley Walters, b. in 1933, the younger of the two  
 Gener- children of Ida (Ellis) Walters, b. 1901, and her husband  
 ation: Howard Walters. Said Shirley married Martin Long and they  
 have one child:

8th Martin Long Jr.  
 Gener-  
 ation:

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Brief Resume'

1st First provable generation, Sussex County, Delaware,---  
 Gener- John and Ann Megee, married about 1770, left eight children  
 ation: (adults).

2nd William Megee, b. 9-30-1775, had 3 children (1st m.)  
 Gener- and seven by second marriage. Among the latter was:  
 ation:

3rd Anna Nancy Megee, b. 1827---married James Lewis, of  
 Gener- Philadelphia.  
 ation:

4th Margaret (known as Maggie) Lewis, married John Sharpley  
 Gener- and had two daughters.  
 ation:

5th Margaret (Maggie) 1873; and Ida, b. 1883.  
 Gener-  
 ation:

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FOURTH GENERATION  
Children and Descendants of

3rd                    ARTHUR L. MAGEE, b. 3-22-1829, son of William and Mary  
Gener-                Megee of Baltimore Hundred. He married Laura A. Tubbs,  
ation:                daughter of Rev. William R. Tubbs, on 10-5-1856. She was  
born on March 4-1842.

NOTE by writer: See narrative of THIRD generation for  
Arthur L. and Laura (Tubbs) Magee, their apparent choice  
of spelling the name as MAGEE, their total children, and  
the seven adult children listed therein---and being re-  
peated here:

4th	Louise H. Magee, b. 3-28-1863, d. 12-20-1938, 75 yrs. 9 Mos.
Gener-	Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1-17-1868, d. 5-23-1918, 60 " 5 "
ation:	William Riley, b. 5-17-1870, d. 12- 6-1944, 74 " 7 "
	**Robert H. Magee, b. 5-29-1873, d. 7-25-1935, 62 " 2 "
	Frank A. " , b. 10-18-1875, d. Year-1959, 84 " -----
	Frederick E. " , b. 9-12-1877,
	Mary Adella " , b. 8-31-1879, d. 11-10-1962, 83 " 2 Mos.

Symbol \*\* Robert H. was one of twins. His brother James  
is reported to have died at the age of about four years.  
There were four others reported as having died in infancy  
or very young, including a daughter about 8 or 9 who re-  
portedly died as result of an accident.

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4th                    Louise H. Magee, b. 3-28-1863, ----- d. 12-20-1938,  
Gener-                aged about 75 years and 9 months. She married Rufus Hast-  
ation:                ings, b. in 1857 ----- d. 1946, aged about 89 years.  
Louise H. (Magee) Hastings and her husband, Rufus Hastings,  
were married approximately 55 years plus ---- and were  
therefore, members of that rather exclusive group, --- the  
Golden Wedding Anniversary Club. Their six children were:

5th	<u>Myrtle Hastings</u> -----William Hastings-----Edward Hastings
Gener-	Carrie                "                Anna                "                Leatha                "
ation:	

5th                    Myrtle Hastings (known as Mertie) b. 1884, was married  
Gener-                (1st) 12-25-1898 by Rev. W. L. White to William A. Megee,  
ation:                b. 1875, son of William H. Megee, and a grandson of John  
R. and Mary Jane (Steele) Megee. Their children:

6th	Elmer Megee,                b. 2- 5-1902
Gener-	William Handy Megee, b. 12-23-1904
ation:	

William A. Megee is reported to have died in 1911, aged  
about 36 years. His widow, Mertie (Hastings) Megee, was  
married a second time, her husband being John Godfrey, who  
is reported deceased, (but without date). Myrtle (Mertie)





died 2-12-1920. Both were buried at Frankford, Delaware and have a headstone.

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6th                    Elmer I. Megee, b. 2-5-1902, married (1st) Matilda  
Gener-                Figgs of Dagsboro, Delaware. They had two children namely;  
ation:                Marian Louise (Megee) Steele, and Alice (Megee) Adkins.  
He was married a second time and had one daughter, Edna  
                      (Megee) Bundick of Laurel, Delaware. Elmer I. was married  
                      a third time but no children reported.

The three daughters herein named are of the 7th gener-  
ation.

P. S. Elmer I. Megee died 8-1-1963, aged 61 years 5 months.

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6th                    William Handy Megee, b. 12-23-1904, was married 12-22-  
Gener-                1924 to Louella Hall, b. 1-3-1909. Their ten children:  
ation:

7th                William Handy, Jr., b. 8-24-1927---Bessie, b. 4- 1-1930  
Gener-                John E.,                    "    1-28-1933---Dale,                "    11-26-1935  
ation:                Melson,                    "    10- 8-1938---Mary,                "    8- 8-1941  
                      Samuel,                    "    4-28-1944---Gerald                "    4-12-1948  
                      Diana,                    "    11-16-1951---George E.b. 4- 4-1953

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7th                    William Handy Megee Jr., b. 8-24-1927, was married on  
Gener-                9-16-1945 to Betty Bunting, b. 9-7-1929. Their children as  
ation:                of 1961:

8th                    Wayne Megee, b. 11- 1-1950  
Gener-                Bruce                    "    ,    "    1- 9-1955  
ation:                Sandra                    "    ,    "    4-13-1959

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7th                    Bessie Megee, b. 4-1-1930, daughter of William Handy  
Gener-                Sr. and his wife, Louella (Hall) Megee, was married 9-18-  
ation:                1949 to Carlton Lathbury. Their children as of 1961:

8th                    Juanita Lathbury, b. 4- 2-1952  
Gener-                Carol Ann                "    ,    "    3-14-1955  
ation:

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7th                    Melson Megee, b. 10-8-1938, son of William Handy Sr.  
Gener-                and Louella (Hall) Megee, was married in October 1959 to  
ation:                Maureen Lewis. No children as of 1961.

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7th Dale Megee, b. 11-26-1935, son of William Handy Sr.  
Gener- and Louella (Hall) Megee, was married 4-22-1962 to Harriett  
ation: Lane of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

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5th William Hastings, b. 1886, son of Rufus and Louise H.  
Gener- (Magee) Hastings. He was married at a reasonably early age  
ation: and said marriage reported as being terminated not too long  
thereafter. No children.

William Hastings did not remarry. He died in 1947,  
aged about 61 years.

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5th Edward Hastings, b. 1889, son of Louise H. (Magee) and  
Gener- Rufus Hastings. He married Martha (surname not furnished).  
ation: They had four children, three sons and one daughter, viz.

6th John----Rufus----Edward----and Mildred Hastings  
Gener-  
ation: Edward Hastings Sr. died in 1961, aged about 72 years.  
His wife, Martha, predeceased him.

5th Carrie Hastings, b. 1891, and died in 1948, about 57  
Gener- years old. She married James Tyre and their children were:  
ation:

6th Russell---Charles---Harry---Dorothy---Vina and Belle Tyre  
Gener-  
ation:

5th Anna Hastings, b. 1-1-1893. She married Cleveland  
Gener- Evans. Their six children were:  
ation:

6th Elsie----Paul----Harold----Grace----Rodman and Merrill  
Gener-  
ation: Anna (Hastings) Evans and husband, Cleveland, as of  
1961 reside at Fort Myers, Florida.

5th Leatha Hastings, b. 11-26-1898, the youngest of six  
Gener- children of Louise H. (Magee) Hastings and husband, Rufus  
ation: Hastings. She was married (1st) on 7-1-1916 to Levin  
Murray. Their children:

6th Alice, b. 5--7--1917 ----- Anna Murray, b. 7-16-1918  
Gener-  
ation: Alice Murray married Benjamin Melson in May 1933.  
Their four children:



7th Herbert Melson, b. 2-19-1934, now married and has four  
Gener- children.  
ation:

Ida May Melson, b. 8-24-1935, is married and has two children.

Levin Melson, b. 3-22-1938, ---- died by drowning accident, Bethany Beach, Delaware, 8-19-1956, aged 18 years.

Robert Melson, b. 6-3-1940, now married and has one child.

Children of Herbert, Ida May, and Robert are of the 8th Generation.

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6th Anna Carrie Murray, b. 7-16-1918, married Chester Hud-  
Gener- son in May 1933. They had two children, Viz, Delores and  
ation: John.

7th Delores Hudson, b. March, 1935. Married and has two  
Gener- children.  
ation:

John Hudson, b. 7-17-1939, married but no children.

Children of Delores and her husband are of 8th Generation.

Following the death of Levin Murray on 7-3-1919 his widow, Leatha (Hastings) Murray, was subsequently married a second time on 5-1-1920, her husband being Frank Derrickson of the same general home territory.

As of 1961 they reside on the Frankford-Roxana Road, practically within the village of Roxana, Sussex County, Delaware. No children by her second marriage.

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4th                    Sarah Elizabeth Magee, (known as Lizzie) b. 1-17-1868,  
Gener- a daughter of Arthur L. and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee of  
ation: Williamsville, Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County. She mar-  
ried John Alfred Williams, son of Henry I. and Nancy (Lynch)  
Williams of Roxana, Delaware.

5th                    One son who died very young  
Gener- Addie May Williams, b. 6-14-1887  
ation: Hallie Bird            , b. 4- 1-1892

John Alfred Williams (known as John) was "Called Home"  
11-9-1902, aged 44 years, reportedly of a serious nerve  
disease. Interment in Red Mens' Cemetery at Selbyville,  
Delaware. Not too long afterward, his widow and her two  
daughters moved to Philadelphia and made that city their  
home for many years.

Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) reached "Journey's End"  
5-23-1918, aged 50 years and four months. Interment in Red  
Mens' Cemetery at Selbyville.

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5th                    Addie May Williams, b. 6-14-1887, was married (1st m.)  
Gener- to Everett Bunting of Williamsville, Delaware about 1902.  
ation: He was born 4-15-1881. Their children:

6th                    First child born 10-2-1903  
Gener- Everett Bunting Jr., b. 11-14-1904, d. 2-3-1905  
ation:

Everett Bunting Sr. was "Summoned Home" 9-6-1904, aged  
about 23 years and five months. Both children died shortly  
thereafter, in early February 1905. Everett Sr. and the  
two children are reported to have been victims of the "Flu"  
epidemic of the second half of 1904 and early in 1905. They  
were buried in Lynch Cemetery near Williamsville, Delaware.

Addie May (Williams) Bunting was married a second time  
on 6-27-1907 in Philadelphia, to Jacob Gouldey. Their  
children:

6th                    William Jacob Gouldey, b. 10-26-1908, in Philadelphia  
Gener- Helen Elizabeth            , b. 11-25-1914, "  
ation:

Following the retirement of Jacob Gouldey (known as  
Jack) from the service of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit  
Company, he and his wife moved to Williamsville in lower  
Delaware, where they reached "Journey's End" 12-25-1950 and  
March 16, 1956 for Jacob and Addie May respectively. Each  
was approximately 69 years old. They were buried in Arling-  
ton Cemetery, Drexel Hill, (Philadelphia area) Pennsylvania.  
He was a victim of Ostiomilitis and she died in the Beebe  
Hospital at Lewes, Delaware





6th                    William J. Gouldey, b. 10-26-1908, was married 1-31-  
Gener- 1931 to Edythe Mae Wahler, b. 8-19-1911, daughter of  
ation: Charles and Edith Stanton Wahler of Philadelphia. Their  
children:

7th                    William J. Gouldey Jr., b. 3- 5-1935  
Gener- Barbara Jane        "                    , b. 11-11-1936  
ation: Richard Bruce     "                    , b. 11-18-1946

William J. Sr. was associated as an officer with the First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company of Philadelphia for many years and then became a realtor in business for himself for several years. He reached "Journey's End" 3-21-1962, aged about 53 years and four months. While he had been incapacitated from all active work for about four years, his passing was of relatively short notice. Interment in Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill (Philadelphia area.)

His widow, Edythe M. (Wahler) Gouldey is the proprietor of the Edythe Gouldey's Bridal Shop, a business which she established following the disability of her husband about 1958. She resides in Roslyn, a nearby suburb of Philadelphia, the family home of many years.

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7th                    William J. Gouldey Jr., b. 3-5-1935, was in military  
Gener- service 1955 to 1958, the major portion of which service  
ation: was in Korea. He was married 4-9-1960 to Barbara Rupp of  
Philadelphia. As of early 1962 they have one child, a  
daughter.

8th                    Deborah Ann Gouldey, b. 12-31-1960  
Gener-  
ation: William J. Jr. is an Employment Specialist, Philadel-  
phia, in which city he and his family reside.

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7th                    Barbara Jane Gouldey, b. 11-11-1936, was married to  
Gener- Robert N. Williams, b. in 1933 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
ation: They were married in Landstuhl, West Germany where Robert  
served in U. S. military service for two and one-half years  
at various locations in that Country. They report Landstuhl  
as a relatively small town which at one time was famous as  
a health resort. Barbara spent the last fifteen months of  
Robert's overseas service with him in West Germany.

Following his release from military service, Robert became associated with Columbia Broadcasting Service at T. V. Station, WCAU, Philadelphia and, as of April 1962, he was Assistant News Director of that well known "TV" station. They reside at Roslyn, a nearby suburb of Philadelphia. Their children:





8th                      Kimberly Ann Williams, b. 7-2-1959  
 Gener-                      Lori Jean                      "                      , b. 10-3-1960  
 ation:

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7th                      Richard Bruce Gouldey, b. 11-18-1946, the youngest of  
 Gener- the three children of William J. Sr. and Edythe Mae (Wahler)  
 ation: Gouldey, is in High School as of early 1962 and much inter-  
           ested in the field of electronics as a potential vocation  
           in the future.

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6th                      Helen Elizabeth Gouldey, b. 11-25-1914, (known as  
 Gener- Helen) the younger of the two children of Jacob and Addie  
 ation: May (Williams) Gouldey, was married 9-25-1936 to Hugh A.  
           Tinney, b. 4-15-1914 in Philadelphia. Their children:

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7th                      Susan Elizabeth Tinney, b. 2-27-1941  
 Gener- Robert Hugh                      "                      b. 3-23-1944  
 ation:

The Hugh A. Tinney's have resided in Glenolden, Penn-  
 sylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, for the past several  
 years.

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7th                      Susan Elizabeth Tinney, (known as Susan) was married  
 Gener- 10-28-1961 to James Keith, born at Maple Shade, New Jersey.  
 ation: Susan is a graduate nurse and they reside in Philadelphia,  
           as of early 1962.

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7th                      Robert Hugh Tinney, (known as Robert) b. 3-23-1944,  
 Gener- the younger of the two children of Hugh A. and Helen Eliza-  
 ation: beth (Gouldey) Tinney, is in High School and unmarried as  
           of early 1962.

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5th                      Hallie Bird Williams, b. 4-1-1892, the youngest of  
 Gener- three children of John A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie  
 ation: Magee) Williams of the Williamsville area, Sussex County,  
           Delaware.

She married Harvey Fred Miles, born in Vermont. They  
 were married in Philadelphia, 2-12-1920. He was a petty  
 officer in the U. S. Navy and resided in Philadelphia.  
 Following the death of Harvey Fred Miles, his widow, Hallie  
 B., was married a second time, the groom being Clayton  
 Miles, a younger brother of her first husband.

Clayton and Hallie Bird (Williams) Miles moved to  
 Williamsville, Delaware, where they resided until her death  
 4-11-1950, aged 58 years. No children by either marriage.





She was buried in the Red Mens' Cemetery at Selbyville, Delaware. Following her loss the said Clayton Miles returned to his native Vermont where he reached "Journey's End" around 1956-1958 era.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: "William Riley Magee, b. 5-17-1870 Williamsville, Dela-  
ware, son of Arthur L. and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee. He was  
married in Philadelphia 11-3-1895 to Mary Liza Derrickson,  
b. 8-19-1874 at Roxana, Delaware, daughter of Joseph Maull  
and Irene (Lynch) Derrickson. Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Lovelyn Vaughn Magee, b. 7-27-1896 in Philadelphia  
and died 8-19-1897 in the same city."

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Viva Etta Magee, b. 2-27-1899 in Philadelphia, Pa.

NOTE: The foregoing two paragraphs, (in quotation  
marks) were taken from the family History of ---"John Maull  
and his Descendants by Baldwin Maull in 1941, --- pages  
141 and 206".

William R. became a seafaring man early in life and  
was so employed at the time of his marriage in Philadelphia,  
1895. He owned and operated the tugboat HERCULES in the  
Philadelphia area and later moved this boat, as well as his  
family, to New York Harbor about 1905. The family resided  
at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York. The HERCULES  
was sold later and he entered the U. S. Light House service  
as Chief Engineer on the U. S. Light House tender MYRTLE,  
and other boats.

With the outbreak of World War I in 1917, he was trans-  
ferred to the jurisdiction of the War and Navy Departments.  
The boat on which he served was used as a mine sweeper and  
he served overseas with the Navy. He was later made Chief  
Machinist Mate at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and given an  
honorable discharge on 2 February, 1921.

William R. returned to the U. S. Light House service.  
His last License as Chief Engineer was issued,---"This 9th  
day of March, 1937, signed Karl C. Nielson, and James Smith,  
U. S. Department of Commerce, Serial No. 170789, --- Bureau  
of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, --- Licensed for  
Ocean--Steam vessels, of any gross tons, for the term of  
five years." While serving as Chief Engineer of the U.S.  
Light House service tender--SPRUCE, he retired on account  
of disability after 40 years of Marine service. His retire-  
ment was shortly prior to the expiration of his last license  
and no application was made for renewal.

He was an active member of Kingsley Methodist Church,  
Staten Island; a member of Edward Kells Post 316, American  
Legion; and was reported as being about 6 feet in height,  
a wonderful man, with an average weight slightly under 170  
pounds.

Mary Liza (Derrickson) Magee died 11-27-1942, aged about  
68 years and three months. William R. continued on the re-  
tired list and subsequently, as result of arteriosclerosis  
and cerebral thrombosis, reached "Journey's End" 12-6-1944,  
aged 74 years and 7 months. Both were buried at Roxana,  
Delaware, their native home area.





5th Viva Etta Magee, b. 2-27-1899, was married 12-6-1919  
 Generation: on Staten Island, in Kingsley Methodist Church, to Henry  
 ation: Crocheron DeNyse, b. 1895, whose ancestors came to Man-  
 hattan Island in 1638 and first owned land on Staten Island  
 in 1701. Their issue:

6th Henry William DeNyse, b. 9-5-1920, d. 9-14-1920  
 Generation: Henry Crocheron DeNyse, Jr., b. 1-28-1928  
 ation:

Henry C. DeNyse Sr. served as a Lieut. Sr. Grade in the Navy, for four years in World I, given his honorable discharge in 1921 and was awarded a citation for bravery, which he actually received 20 years late, and the presentation by a Rear Admiral at this late date was written up as an EVENT in all New York papers, with pictures, etc. He served as Vice Commander of Kells Post 316, American Legion. He was Grand Cheminot of the 2nd District of the State of New York in 1942, which included all five Boroughs of New York City. He was the first veteran to be elected to this office from Staten Island in the history of the organization, which had been 23 years as of 1942. Henry C. Sr. was also a 30 year member of Beacon Light Lodge 701, AF&AM.

Following World War I, he served 22½ years with the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company of which 12 years were as Captain in their fleet of Tanker ships and was later made Marine Investigator under the Law Department of that Company. He died October 1, 1951 in his 57th year. Burial at Roxana, Delaware.

Viva Etta (Magee) DeNyse graduated from the same High School on Staten Island as her husband, namely, Curtis High. She later graduated from New York College of Music (both vocal and instrumental.) She made a career of music with marked success. In this connection she has been an active member of Kingsley Methodist Church choir for more than a half century. She also served (in uniform) in "The War Camp Community Service in World War I", while her husband was serving as Lieut. Sr. Grade in the Navy. Another of her many activities was the Post of Worthy Matron of Tompkins Chapter No. 715, OES, in 1953, at which time her son, Henry C. Jr., served as her Worthy Patron. This was something a bit unusual, to so happen during the administration of a Worthy Matron. Following the loss of her husband, she has continued to reside in the family home, Edstone Drive, Silver Lake, Staten Island, New York, and likewise continues her multiple activities. A memo from Cousin Viva 1-15-1962 reads in part, ----- "Accompanied by my dog Heide, I drove down to my son's home, on Saturday 12-23-1961, and drove back home on Wednesday, the 27th between snow storms. We had a very nice Christmas."





6th  
Gener-  
ation: Henry Crocheron DeNyse Jr., b. 1-28-1928, served 18 months in the U. S. Army Air Corps in World War II, being honorably discharged 8-15-1947. He entered Wagner Lutheran College on a competitive scholarship grant by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company and completed four years at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

He was married 2-5-1950 to Irene A. Riche, b. 2-28-1930, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Riche Sr., Edstone Drive, Silver Lake, Staten Island. They sang in the choir and were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in which church they were married. Their four children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Paul Henry DeNyse, b. 5-27-1951  
Barbara Diana " , b. 8-16-1952  
Karen Sue " , b. 3-25-1956  
Pamela Jane " , b. 3-31-1962

Henry C. Jr. is Past Master of Beacon Light Lodge 701, AF&AM, Staten Island. His wife is a graduate of Centenary College, Hackettstown, New Jersey and served as Worthy Matron of Tompkins Chapter OES, No. 715, Staten Island in 1954, succeeding her mother-in-law, Viva Ette (Magee) DeNyse, in that elective post. Henry C. Jr. served as President and Past Worthy Patron, concurrently with his wife, as Worthy Matron; an event surely meriting mention.

Henry C. Jr. has been associated with Pinkerton's National Detective Agency for several years, and currently (early 1962) is Assistant Manager of the Philadelphia Branch office. They reside in Moorestown, New Jersey.

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4th                    ROBERT H. MAGEE, b. 5-29-1873 near Williamsville, Dela-  
 Gener- ware. He married Vinnie Tilden Walson, b. 9-24-1876, of  
 ation: Laurel, Delaware. They were married in early March 1899  
 and moved to Philadelphia. Their children:

5th                    T. Clifton Magee, b. 11-18-1900, in Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Gener- Helen Magee,            b. 3-16-1916, at Laurel, Delaware  
 ation:

Robert H. was engaged in the artesian well drilling business during his entire business career, beginning about 1892. He was "Summoned Home" 7-24-1935, aged about 62 years and two months. Burial at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Delaware. His widow has continued to live in the city of Philadelphia.

P. S. Vinnie T. (Walson) Magee reached "Journey's End" February 22, 1963, age 86 years and 5 months. Burial beside her husband at Laurel, Delaware, February 25, 1963.

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5th                    T. Clifton Magee, b. 11-18-1900, was married 7-25-1924  
 Gener- to Emma M. Ulmer born in Philadelphia. Their children:  
 ation:

6th                    Robert U. Magee, b. 9-23-1925  
 Gener- Thomas Clifton Magee, Jr., b. 4-4-1927  
 ation:

T. Clifton Sr. became associated with his father in the artesian well drilling business at a comparatively early age in 1918. At his father's death, he became a full partner in the company. In 1952 his sons, Robert U. and T. Clifton Jr. purchased the other associated interests and the business was so operated until February 1961, when T. Clifton Sr. retired from active management, and the sons now operate the ARTESIAN WELL DRILLING COMPANY, offices in Springfield, Pennsylvania and Moorestown, New Jersey.

T. Clifton Magee Sr. reached "Journey's End" February 18, 1963, aged 62 years and 3 months of heart failure. Interment 2-21-1963 at Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

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6th                    Robert U. Magee, b. 9-23-1925, was married in June 1946  
 Gener- to Doris Ann Durborow. Their four children:  
 ation:

7th                    Robert Clifton Magee, b. January 1948  
 Gener- David Alan                    "            b. June 1950  
 ation: James Walter                "            b. October 1953  
                                  John Scott                    "            b. November 1955





Robert U. entered the U. S. Army in December 1943 and served nearly two and one-half years. He is currently a Captain in the U. S. Army Reserve Infantry.

As earlier stated, he is actively associated in the ownership and management of the Artesian Well Drilling Company, at Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

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6th                    Thomas Clifton Magee Jr., b. 4-4-1927 (known as Thomas)  
Gener-                was married in June 1949 to Mary Elizabeth Bissex. Their  
ation:                four children:

7th                    Joyce Elizabeth Magee, b. October    1951  
Gener-                Nancy Susan                    "    , b. June                    1953  
ation:                Barbara Lynn                    "    , b. September       1957 }  
                         Thomas Clifton III "    , b.                    "                    1957 } Twins

T. Clifton Magee Jr. entered the U. S. Navy service in February 1945 and served about one and one-half years.

As earlier indicated, Thomas C. Jr. is actively associated in the ownership and management of the Artesian Well Drilling Company with offices in Moorestown and Springfield, (Delaware County) Pennsylvania, along with his brother, Robert,-----an industrial enterprise which their father and their grandfather each headed during their active commercial business lives.

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5th                    Helen Magee, b. 3-16-1916, daughter of Robert H. and  
Gener-                Vinnie T. (Walson) Magee, was married (1st) in 1932 to Don  
ation:                W. Bears. Their two children:

6th                    Ethel Shirley Bears, b. 10-20-1933, in Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener-                Virginia Helen                    "    , b. 3- 1-1935, in Newburgh, New York  
ation:

Helen (Magee) Bears was married a second time about 1943, her husband being Byron M. Harris of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in which city they have since resided. No children.

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6th                    Ethel Shirley Bears, b. 10-20-1933, adopted teaching  
Gener-                as a profession and currently (1961) is teaching in Car-  
ation:                thage, New York.

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6th                    Virginia Helen Bears, b. 3-1-1935, was married 9-1-  
Gener-                1956 to David G. Johns Jr. born in Laurel, Delaware. Cur-  
ation:                rently (1961) he is on the teaching staff of Williamsburg,  
                         Va. schools and they are living in that city. No children.





4th                    FRANK ASBURY MAGEE, b. 10-18-1875 Williamsville, Dela-  
 Gener- ware, was married in Philadelphia, 3-22-1898, to Eva  
 ation: Kathleen Bunting, b. 12-1-1879, daughter of Joshua J. and  
         Volina (Campbell) Bunting, at Campbelltown, near Bishop-  
         ville, in northeastern Worcester County, Maryland. Their  
         children:

5th                    Raymond Arthur Magee, b. 5-25-1903, at Darby, Pa.  
 Gener- \*\*Mabel                    "                    , b. year 1907, died in infancy  
 ation: --Paul Francis                    "                    , b.11-15-1911, at Darby, Pa.

Frank A. was associated in business with his brother, Robert H. for several years in Philadelphia and then returned to the Delmarva Peninsula in or around Berlin, Maryland. He organized and operated a chain of gasoline service stations, in lower Sussex County (eastern side) Delaware and in Worcester and Wicomico Counties, Maryland, under the name of MAGEE OIL COMPANY, headquarters at Berlin, Maryland.

Frank A. Magee reached "Journey's End" 7-13-1959, aged about 83 years and 9 months. Burial at Bishopville, Maryland. His widow, Eva Kathleen (Bunting) Magee, continues to live at Berlin as of late 1961.

Frank A. and his wife were privileged to have had slightly more than 61 years of partnership, they were members of that rather exclusive group, the 50th Wedding Anniversary Club, as of 3-22-1948.

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5th                    Raymond Arthur Magee, (known as Raymond or Ray) b.  
 Gener- 5-25-1903, was married (1st) to Pearl J. Purnell, b. 5-5-  
 ation: 1898 at Berlin, Maryland. Their issue:

6th                    Elizabeth Jeannette, (Betty Jean) b. 7-26-1923 at Berlin.  
 Gener- She was married 4-20-1943 to Donald Nathaniel Keely, b.  
 ation: 9-17-1917 at Norristown, Pennsylvania. Their daughter:

7th                    Kaye Elizabeth Keely, b. 6-17-1947, at Berlin, Md.

Gener-                    Raymond A. was married a second time on 6-19-1941, his  
 ation: wife being Mary Anne (Howard) Wright, b. 8-3-1908 at Federal-  
         sburg, Maryland. She had two daughters by a former marriage,  
         namely:

6th                    Nancy Lenore Wright----and, Marylou Wright,  
 Gener-                    b. 3-11-1930                    b. 7-14-1933  
 ation:

These two daughters were adopted by Raymond A. and their names changed to Magee.

Nancy Lenore Magee married John H. Pigman born in Berlin, Maryland and they reside in that town as of late 1961.





6th Marylou W. Magee continues at home and is unmarried  
 Gener- as of late 1961.  
 ation:

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5th Paul Francis Magee, b. 11-18-1911 at Darby, Pennsylvania  
 Gener- was married 6-25-1930 to Margaret Ann Bradford, b. 3-23-1913  
 ation: Berlin, Maryland (R.D.3, Ironshire, Maryland). Their issue:

6th Frances Ann Magee, b. 7-12-1932 at Salisbury, Maryland.  
 Gener- She married Dr. Armand Shelby Hall, b. 7-11-1931 Mallard  
 ation: Island, Ocean City, Maryland. They were married 12-27-1951.  
 As of 1961, they have one child:

7th Stephen Michael Hall, b. 9-27-1955, at Salisbury, Maryland  
 Gener-  
 ation: Armand S. Hall graduated from prep school, Peekskill,  
 New York, in 1952; from Washington and Lee College in 1953;  
 from University of Maryland (Dental School) College in  
 1956; was subsequently in Public Health Service in North  
 Dakota and in Cherokee, North Carolina. As of 1961 Dr. Hall  
 has an office and is practicing his profession in Ocean  
 City, Maryland, where they reside.

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Raymond A. and brother Paul F. Magee, purchased the  
 MAGEE OIL COMPANY in 1943 in partnership, which was subse-  
 quently incorporated, and operate this business enterprise  
 which their father founded and operated for many years.

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4th                    FREDERICK E. MAGEE, (known as Fred) b. 9-12-1877, near  
 Gener-                Williamsville, Delaware, the youngest son of Arthur L. and  
 ation:                Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee. He was married 3-3-1902, to Hallie  
                        E. Collins, b. 6-17-1883 in St. Martin's Neck, Worcester  
                        County, Maryland. They lived on the home farm of his father  
                        at Williamsville. Fred engaged in farming, and for many  
                        years operated a well established saw mill near the home  
                        premises. Their children:

5th                    Laura E. Magee, b. 1- 7-1905  
 Gener-                Russell                "                , b. 10-28-1907-----d. 6-18-1909  
 ation:                Vernon W.            "                , b. 9-16-1912

Mrs. Hallie E. (Collins) Magee was "Summoned Home"  
 7-9-1961, aged 78 years 22 days. Burial at Bishopville,  
 Maryland. Fred E. and his wife were privileged to have had  
 more than 59 years of marital partnership. They became  
 members of that rather exclusive group, the Golden Wedding  
 Anniversary Club, March 3, 1952, at which time they cele-  
 brated the occasion at Fort Pierce, Florida.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Fred on Friday,  
 November 24, 1961 at his home and later through the courtesy  
 of his daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Clark, enjoyed a drive in  
 the immediate area, making some two or three stops.

Fred E. Magee, b. 9-12-1877 is the sole surviving child  
 of the seven adult children of Arthur L. and Laura A. (Tubbs)  
 Magee; The sole surviving grandson of William Megee, b.  
 9-30-1775-----d. 1837; also the sole surviving great grand-  
 son of JOHN MEGEE, (Est. b. 1740-----d. January 1813,) of  
 Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

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5th                    Laura E. Magee, b. 1-7th-1905 at Williamsville, Dela-  
 Gener-                ware, was married (1st) on 6-16-1923 to Courtland Magee,  
 ation:                son of Ira Magee and wife, of the Baltimore Hundred district.  
                        No children.

She was married a second time 7-31-1929, at Doylestown,  
 Pennsylvania the groom being James S. Clark of Philadelphia  
 (born in Newburgh, New York). They reside near her father's  
 home at Williamsville, Delaware, and have an adopted daugh-  
 ter:

6th                    Audrey E. Clark, b. Philadelphia, Pa., 8-21-1945  
 Gener-  
 ation:                Laura E. (Magee) Clark and her husband James S. Clark  
                        have conducted a business at Fenwick's Island during the  
                        Summer months for the past 26 years. She has been most  
                        helpful in securing and supplying data, statistics, and  
                        "leads" for mail contact for the Arthur L. and Laura A.  
                        (Tubbs) Magee family. Her prompt and generous cooperation  
                        has made it possible to assemble this record of the said  
                        Arthur L. Magee branch.





It was the writer's pleasure to visit with Mrs. Clark for a short time at her home November 24, 1961, and review some data which had been sent her a few days earlier for editing. A very enjoyable and data rewarding trip.

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5th                    Vernon W. Magee, b. 9-16-1912 at Williamsville, Delaware. He was married (1st) on 8-27-1932 to Flossie Griffin of near Bishopville, Worcester County, Maryland. Their children:

6th                    Oneida Magee, b. 2-19-1934  
Gener-                    Jeannette ", b. 4-10-1936  
ation:

Vernon W. was married a second time on 12-1-1956, his wife being Kathleen Horney born in the State of Vermont. They reside relatively close to his father at Williamsville and as of mid-1961, have one child, a son:

6th                    Daniel (Danny) Magee, b. 12-9-1957  
Gener-  
ation:

Vernon W. has been primarily engaged in motor truck transportation for the major portion of his business life and owns-operates -- MAGEE'S EXPRESS INC., Williamsville, Delaware.

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6th                    Oneida Magee, daughter of Vernon W. and Flossie (Griffin) Magee, married Paul Justice 7-14-1951. Their children:

7th                    Paula Justice, b. 4-30-1958  
Gener-                    Gail Lynn ", b. 2- 5-1962  
ation:

The Paul Justices' have purchased property and live near Salisbury, Maryland.

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6th                    Jeannette Magee, the younger daughter of Vernon W. and Flossie (Griffin) Magee, was born 4-10-1936. She married (1st) Ralph D. Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Cobb of Ocean View, Delaware, on September 14, 1951. They had a son who died in infancy.

Jeannette married a second time on 5-13-1961, her husband being James Gray of Sharptown, Maryland. They are living in Salisbury, Maryland as of late 1961.

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4th                    Mary Adella Magee, 8-31-1879 near Williamsville, Dela-  
Gener- ware, the youngest of seven adult children---(total of 12  
ation: but five died in infancy, or at a youthful age)---of Arthur  
L. and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee of Baltimore Hundred, Sussex  
County, Delaware.

She was married 7-13-1898 at Lewes, Delaware to Charles  
Manlove, b. 9-13-1874 at Lewes. Their children:

5th                    Norman Manlove, b. 7-18-1899, at Lewes, Delaware  
Gener- Mildred E. " , b. 5-15-1908, " " "  
ation:

Charles Manlove reached "Journey's End" 10-9-1946,  
aged about 72 years. Interment was at Lewes, Delaware.  
The widow, Mary Adella (Magee) Manlove, passed away in Penn-  
sylvania, on November 10, 1962, aged approximately 83 years  
and two months. Interment beside her husband at Lewes,  
Delaware on November 13, 1962.

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5th                    Norman Manlove, b. 7-18-1899, was married 2-15-1919 to  
Gener- Helen C. Bishop, b. 11-16-1900 at Laurel, Delaware. They  
ation: have lived since in Philadelphia or the tributary suburbs.  
Their issue:

6th                    John N. Manlove, b. 4-18-1921  
Gener-  
ation:

Norman Manlove, b. 7-18-1899, has been engaged in the  
investment banking business in Philadelphia, for close to  
40 years. He and his good life partner reside in Upper Darby,  
Pennsylvania.

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6th                    John N. Manlove graduated from Upper Darby High School  
Gener- and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.  
ation: He served 20 months in one of the tank divisions in the  
European Theatre of World War II. He married Mabel Rohrbach  
and their children are:

7th                    Diane L. Manlove, b. 9-27-1941  
Gener- Donald N. " , b. 8-13-1943  
ation:

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7th                    Diane L. Manlove married Walter J. Simmons Jr. 5-13-1961.  
Gener-  
ation:

7th                    Donald N. Manlove, the younger of the two children of  
Gener- John N. and Mabel (Rohrbach) Manlove, was attending Albright  
ation: College in 1961, having won a football scholarship, also a  
partial Academic scholarship, and is majoring in Chemistry.

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5th                    Mildred M. Manlove, the younger of the two children of  
 Gener- Charles and Mary Adella (Magee) Manlove, was married  
 ation: 6-2-1928 to William Z. Utt. Their five children:

6th                    Jane Elizabeth Utt,                    b. 3- 4-1929, in Philadelphia  
 Gener- Beverly Jean                    "                    b. 3-20-1931, "                    "  
 ation: Barbara Joyce                    "                    b. 8-15-1932, "                    "  
          William Ziegler Jr. Utt, b. 3- 2-1935, "                    "  
          Nancy Adele                    "                    b. 12-27-1947, "                    Bloomsburg, Pa.

William Z. Utt Sr. and family lived in Philadelphia and a nearby suburb for several years. However, in 1946, they moved to Light Street, Pennsylvania, a town not too far distant from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, where they have since made their home and created a citizenry foundation in the community.

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6th                    Jane Elizabeth Utt, b-3-4-1929, was married (1st) on  
 Gener- 6-21-1946 to Stanley E. Dyer. She was married a second time  
 ation: 7-17-1954, the groom being Ralph Smith, and they live in  
          Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. No children by either marriage  
          (late 1961).

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6th                    Beverly Jean Utt, b. 3-20-1931, was married 5-17-1951  
 Gener- to Boyd L. Lizardi of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Their three  
 ation: children:

7th                    Deborah Lee Lizardi, b. 4- 12-1952  
 Gener- Diane Louise                    "                    b. 1- 5-1956  
 ation: Richard Dale                    "                    b. 1- 20-1959

Beverly Jean lives at Light Street, Pennsylvania.

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6th                    Barbara Joyce Utt, b. 6-15-1932, was married to Donald  
 Gener- E. Roeder of Catawissa, Pennsylvania. Their children as  
 ation: of late 1961:

7th                    Linda Lou Roeder, b. 9-22-1954  
 Gener- Donald E.                    "                    b. 5- 7-1956  
 ation:

The Donald E. Roeder family lives at Catawissa, Penn.

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6th                    William Ziegler Utt Jr., b. 3-2-1935, was married 1-1-  
 Gener- 1957 to Virginia Artley in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Their  
 ation: children (late 1961):





7th  
Gener-  
ation:

Timothy Utt, b. 9-22-1957  
Tammy Jane", b. 9- 3-1960

William Z. Jr. and family reside at Stillwater, Pa.,  
(R. D. #1).

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Nancy Adele Utt, b. 12-27-1947, the youngest of five  
children of William Z. Sr. and Mildred E. (Manlove) Utt,  
is a junior high school student in ninth grade, as of 1961.

The above data quoted herein for the William Z. Utt  
family were supplied by Mrs. Utt in Mid-October, 1961.  
Since that date, the following news item was received:

From the FRIENDLY FORUM, a monthly publication by  
THOMPSON RAMO WOOLDRIDGE Inc., Danville, Pennsylvania.  
Excerpts from two full columns, accompanied by two photo-  
graphs, from this paper:

"Bill Utt and his wife, Mildred, are justifiably proud  
of their daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Jane) Smith, speedboat racer  
extraordinary, of Ridley Park, Pa."

"This 110 pounder may be a girl-among-men in speedboat  
racing, but she can still beat her masculine rivals. More-  
over she swims, (good idea in this sport), ice-skates,  
bowls, golfs, and roller skates."

"Although the speedboat bug didn't bite Jane till 1953,  
chances are that she inherited the competitive urge, the  
daring and the courage from her father, a racer of sports  
cars in earlier days. The Utts live in Light Street, Penna."

"Victories, records, titles, trophies, etc., are what  
she seeks but she says, 'Winnings are just a small part of  
the fun.' Twice in 1957 she shattered the mile straightaway  
record for A-Stock Hydros, which had stood for four years.  
At the Orange Bowl Regatta in Florida she was clocked at  
51.877. At Worcester, Mass., she was even faster with  
52.6325, mph. She raced 50 heats in the summer of 1957,  
sometimes being the only woman contender."

"Once in Seattle this 5'5" attractive brunette unoffici-  
ally broke the World's record for Class B boats, but because  
fog obscured her and the course, it wasn't counted. She  
has two speedboats, Jumpin Jane I and II."

"Articles and photographs on her achievements and  
activities appear in sports magazines and sports columns  
of newspapers. In both 1957 and 1958 she was 'covered by  
BOAT SPORT magazine. In the September Issue of POWER BOAT





magazine she is pictured and written about in a feature department called---'In the Pits with Bowman.'"

The quoted paragraphs are from the November, 1961, issue of FRIENDLY FORUM, which also mentions,---that she is---"An Office Manager in a Chevrolet garage by day, and carries on her racing activities, accompanied by her husband Ralph, nights, holidays and weekends."

NOTE---The type of sport, the achievements of this member of the William Z. Sr. and Mildred E. (Manlove) Utt family and a member of the Megee-Magee family Historical Tree (descendants of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE of the pre-revolutionary period) prompted the writer to ask permission to quote two or three paragraphs from the paper named.

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3rd  
Gener-  
ation:

Children and Their Descendants  
of  
Isaac W. Megee, b. about 1830-1831, and his  
wife, Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee. Their children:

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

William T. Megee, b. 1858, Indian River Hundred
Laura A. " , b. 1863, " " "
Maggie L. " , b. 1869, " " "
Josephine " , b. 1871, " " "
Sarah C. " , b. 1874, " " "
Hannah S. " , b. 1876, " " "

4th  
Gener-  
ation:

William T. Megee, year of birth 1858 determined by U. S. Census for 1880, also grave marker. He married (1st m) Elizabeth Atkins on 10-22-1883, according to the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware. He was a farmer in Indian River Hundred, at least for the major portion of his working life. No children by this marriage.

Early in 1960, while reviewing the accumulated material up to that date concerning the second marriage of William Megee, (b. 9-30-1775, Indian River Hundred), an obituary clipping from the SUSSEX COUNTIAN, Georgetown, Delaware for one of the weeks of October 1958 was found. Obviously it had been laid aside for future inquiry and apparently had been overlooked.

On February 26, 1960, a letter was mailed with respect to this clipping. A prompt, most cooperative and generous reply dated March 5, 1960 was received. The following excerpts are being quoted from this reply, with the approval of the sender:

Quote---"In the first place the obituary that you clipped from the SUSSEX COUNTIAN was in error. Mother's name was M-A-Y, and not Mary. She was the widow of WILLIAM T. MEGEE and not THEODORE E. MEGEE as was stated in the newspaper. Mother's former husband was Theodore E. Wilson, ---- my father, and that is probably the cause for the error in the paper; just a transposition of Christian names.

The information contained in the SUSSEX COUNTIAN has thrown you off the track, as to the line of Megees, and to get you back on the right track, WILLIAM T. MEGEE, was, according to his grave marker, born---'1858, and died --- 1936'. I believe that Mr. Megee died very late in August and was buried in early September. But I do know that Mr. Megee is buried in Mechanics Cemetery, located South side of Millsboro. By his side is one, ELIZABETH MEGEE, his former wife. At the present time I do not know her maiden name, but will try to get the information for you. The dates shown for Elizabeth are, 1857----1930. To my knowledge Mr. William T. Megee and his wife, Elizabeth had no children.





Mr. Megee and my mother, May Wilson, were married, according to their marriage certificate, on Thursday, September 3, 1931, at St. Peters Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Maryland. In the handwriting of the Rector of Salisbury Parish (his signature appears to be Roy Rolfe Gibson) the name is spelled William T. McGee.

In the last Will and Testament of Mr. Megee, which was made November 20, 1935, it is stated, --- 'to my four sisters, Laura Justice, Maggie Tyre, Josephine Daisey, and Hannah Betts'.

I hope, Mr. Megee, that this information will be of some help in correcting the error in the Sussex Countian.

(signed) Mrs. Edna Wilson Lynch,  
(Georgetown, Delaware.)"  
(End of Quote.)

An excellent letter "crammed" with a wealth of valuable information which, used with some earlier data concerning Isaac W. Megee and his six brothers and sisters (born between 1-1-1823 and 1835), plus certain additional facts developed since March 1960, has been of substantial help in promoting the proper "pegging" of certain authenticated advices pertinent to this Family Tree Project.

From the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dover, Delaware, in late 1960, the following, --- "William T. Megee, died August 29, 1936, Millsboro, Delaware, ---aged 78 years. His father Isaac W. and mother, Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee."

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4th                    Laura A. Megee, b. in 1863 (her reported age, based  
Gener- on the U. S. Census report for 1880), a daughter of Isaac  
ation: W. (est'd birth of 1830-1831). She was a granddaughter of  
William Megee, b. 9-30-1775, and his second wife, Mary  
Megee (surname unknown) of Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County,  
Delaware.

Said Laura A. married Nathaniel Justice, apparently  
of Baltimore Hundred. They are reported as having nine (9)  
adult children. Both Laura A. (Megee) Justice and her  
husband, Nathaniel, are reported buried in Bethel Church  
Cemetery, Ocean View, Delaware. While the information is  
not complete, the details received are being listed as  
supplied by older relatives of the Isaac W. Megee family  
and the Nathaniel Justice family:

5th                    Children as furnished:  
Gener-  
ation:                Clarence Justice, reported as the oldest  
Royal Justice, -----Ethel Justice  
Elizabeth    " , -----Medford        "  
Elmer        " , -----Alva            "  
\*\*\*Sarah     " ,

Total of eight (name of one unlocated)

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5th                    Sarah Justice (probably second or third in seniority)  
Gener- married Clarence Hudson of the U. S. Coast Guard Service.  
ation: They are reported to have had four (4) adult children, namely:

6th                    Goldie M. Hudson married Theodore W. Palmer Jr., who  
Gener- served as Postmaster at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware for many  
ation: years. Their issue:

7th                    Adella Palmer, who was married to Ray Vignola and they  
Gener- have two children (or possibly more) namely:  
ation:

8th                    Theodore Palmer Vignola, ---- and Alma Vignola  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    Claude Hudson, son of Sarah (Justice) Hudson and her  
Gener- husband Clarence Hudson. Said Claude is reported as mar-  
ation: ried and living in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Names of chil-  
dren not supplied.

6th                    Two additional (one daughter and one son). Names not  
Gener- supplied. This completes all the data available for the  
ation: four children of Sarah (Justice) Hudson and Clarence Hudson.

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5th                    Royal Justice, son of Laura A. (Megee) Justice and her  
Gener- husband Nathaniel Justice. He was married and had at least  
ation: one son, -- Norman Justice, who at one time owned a farm  
in White's Neck, near Ocean View, Delaware.

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5th                    Ethel Justice, daughter of Laura A. and Nathaniel  
Gener- Justice, was married to Frank Calhoun and reached "Journey's  
ation: End" at a relatively young age.

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5th                    Elizabeth Justice, -- After the death of Ethel (Justice)  
Gener- Calhoun, the widower, Frank Calhoun, married his first  
ation: wife's sister, Elizabeth Justice, (known as Lizzie).

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No information received concerning Clarence---Medford-  
Elmer--and Alva, nor the one whose name was not located,  
making the reported nine children. The source of these data  
said they were believed to be correct, to the extent named  
herein.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Maggie L. Megee, b. about 1869 based upon the 1880 U. S. Census report. She was a daughter of Isaac W. and Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee of Indian River Hundred. She married Elijah Tyre. They had twelve (12) children. Both Maggie L. (Megee) Tyre and her husband Elijah are "At Rest" in St. Georges Cemetery, Clarksville, Delaware. Their children:

5th Gener- ation:	(1) Elijah Tyre Jr.	(2) William Tyre
	(3) Charles "	(4) Clinton "
	(5) Emma "	(6) Hannah "
	(7) Allie "	(8) Nellie "
	(9) Dorothy "	(10) Cecil "
	(11) Horace "	(12) Stella "

The source of information stated that the above names are in the order named, as to birth, but gave no further details,-----other than one, namely:

Horace Tyre, the eleventh child above listed. He married Ella Mae Megee, daughter of LeRoy and Mattie L. (Derrickson) Megee, reported under FOURTH generation,--said LeRoy as a son of Nathaniel Megee, shown under THIRD generation, who in turn was a son of John R. (SECOND) generation and his wife, Mary Jane (Steele) Megee.

Additionally, the MILFORD CHRONICLE dated 11-17-1961, carried the following obituary notice which may be of interest and is quoted herein, as information to those concerned:

#### "TYRE

Clinton E. Tyre, 63, died November 9, in Beebe Hospital, Lewes. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Roxie Tyre; Two Daughters, Mrs. Irene Turner, Dagsboro, and Miss Mattie Tyre, Ocean View; Two brothers, Elijah and Horace, both of Frankford; Five sisters, Mrs. Allie Long and Mrs. Cecil Mitchell, both of Ocean View; Mrs. Nellie McGee, Frankford, Mrs. Stella Robinson, Millville, and Mrs. Dorothy Burbade, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania and two grandchildren.

Services were held last Sunday at the Watson and Gray Funeral Home, Frankford."

The named survivors, two brothers and five sisters, indicate that, in addition to said Clinton E. who reached "Journey's End" November 9, 1961, Emma,---Hannah---Charles--- and William Tyre, had been "Summoned Home" in earlier years, or dates.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Josephine Megee, b. about 1871, daughter of Isaac W. and Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee of Indian River Hundred. She married Edward Daisey, presumably of the Frankford-Millville, district. Both Josephine and her husband Edward Daisey are "At Rest" in St. Georges Cemetery at Clarksville, Delaware. Their four children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Elizabeth Daisey---who married John C. Furman and lives South of Millville, Delaware.

John Daisey, reported as married but no further information.

Amanda Daisey, reported (1st m.);--married (2nd.) Lemuel Palmer.

Another daughter, (making total four) but no information given.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Hannah S. Megee, b. about 1876, the youngest of the children of Isaac W. and Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee of Indian River Hundred. The 1880 U. S. Census listed her as being 4 years old. She married Edward (known as Ed) Betts, apparently of Baltimore Hundred. Both Hannah S. and her husband, Ed. Betts, are "At Rest" at Bethel Church Cemetery, Ocean View, Delaware. They had only one child, a son.

5th  
Gener-  
ation: No information supplied concerning the said son.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Sarah C. Megee, listed on the 1880 U. S. Census as a daughter, aged four years of Isaac W. and Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee, Indian River Hundred. No record developed of this person after the 1880 Census report. The writer had the impression that possibly she was "Summoned Home" at an early age, based upon no mention of Sarah in the Will of William T. Megee, the only son of Isaac W. and Sarah E. (Johnson) Megee. Said Will was made in 1935 and probated in 1936. The said William T. specifically named "Four sisters, Laura Justice---Maggie Tyre---Josephine Daisey---and Hannah Betts."

In reply to an inquiry, one of the major suppliers of data concerning Isaac W. Megee, (b. about 1830--1831, and died 1893) said:----"It is the understanding that Sarah C. was an adopted child, who grew to adult age and was married" but have no documentary record to whom married nor where they lived. It is also possible that said Sarah C. may have predeceased the date of William T's, Will.

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### Fourth Generation

1st John and Ann Megee,-----Indian River Hundred  
Gener- Their eight adult children; Among them being:  
ation:

2nd                Anna Megee, estimated birth in 1783, who married  
Gener- William Thoroughgood, August 1805. Their children were:  
ation: John and William Newbold Thoroughgood, b. 1810 and 1815  
respectively, (see second and third generations for details.)

4th                    John Edward Thoroughgood, b. 10-3-1840, a son of Will-  
Gener-                iam Newbold Thoroughgood, and his first wife Elizabeth (sur-  
ation:                name unknown) Thoroughgood. Elizabeth is listed in the  
State Archives at Dover, Delaware, as having died in 1849.  
William N. married a second time, his wife being the for-  
mer Sarah T. Davidson. Said William N. reached "Journey's  
End" 7-2-1876, about 61 years old.

John Edward Thoroughgood is listed in the U. S. Census for 1850 as being nine years old. He was married on 1-2-1868, to Margaret Jane Rust, b. 9-3-1848, daughter of Thomas and Arcada (Walls) Rust. The 1870 U. S. Census shows the following item:

John Edward Thoroughgood, Farmer, Indian River Hundred  
Margaret " , (Wife)  
Frank " , son, aged 1 year

The children of John Edward and Margaret Jane (Rust) Thoroughgood were:

5th Frank-----b. 7-14-1869  
Gener- William Edgar-----b. 9-12-1872  
ation: Olive Mae-----b. 1- 2-1877, who married a Mr. Wilson

John Edward Thoroughgood was a well known and prosperous farmer of Indian River Hundred. He reached "Journey's End" 6-1-1908, aged about 67 years and 8 months. His widow was "Called Home" 3-28-1921, aged about 72 years and 6 months. They are "At Rest" in St. John's Church Cemetery, Indian River Hundred.

Through the assistance of Mrs. Mayme E. Dodd, the writer made a call upon Mrs. Olive Mae (Thoroughgood) Wilson, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, Postmaster at Millsboro, Delaware, in 1961, who supplied the data listed above, for her father, John Edward Thoroughgood, who was a grandson of Anna (Megee) Thoroughgood and her husband William Thoroughgood.

No effort was initiated for further tracing of others of the children of John Thoroughgood (b. 1810) and others of John Edward Thoroughgood's brothers and sisters, of the fourth generation.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: William C. Megee, b. 6-20-1846, the survivor of twins and a son of John W. and Jane W. (Simpler) Megee. He was married 2-19-1869 to Louisa J. Rust, daughter of Thomas and Arcada (Walls) Rust of the same area (St. John's and Zoar district) of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County. Their children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Herbert Megee,-----b. 4-6-1870  
Charles " ,-----b. 8-23-1872

The 1870 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred shows:

William C. Megee,-----age 24, a farmer  
Louisa J. " ,----- " 24, (Wife)  
Herbert " ,----- " 2/12ths of a year

William C. was "Summoned Home" entirely too early in life, in November, 1874. His father-in-law, Thomas Rust, was granted letters as Administrator on November 24, 1874. The following item was noted concurrently with the overall research, indicating some tangible estate:

"Sussex County Orphans Court, Bk. AG-34, in 1876, Louisa Megee, guardian of Herbert and Charles McGee minors of William C. McGee deceased, she asked to exceed income, etc."

The marriage file in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, shows:---"William C. Magee and Louisa J. Rust, 2-19-1869."

Louisa (Rust) Megee, with her two sons, apparently returned to the home of her parents. She was married a second time about the second half of 1877, her husband being David Robinson of the Fairmount-Angola area which was relatively nearby. They had one child:

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Gertrude Faustane Robinson (estimated birth July 1879)

The older son of William C. Megee remained with his grandfather, Thomas Rust, and was reared there while the second son, Charles, was apparently reared by his mother and her second husband. The U. S. Census for 1880, under Indian River Hundred lists:

David H. Robinson, age 33, Farmer  
Louisa J. " , " 34, (Wife)  
Faustane " , " 11 Months as of June 1880  
Charles McGee , " 8 years-----in school

Louisa J. (Rust) Megee Robinson reached "Journey's End" in February, 1917, aged about 71 years. Interment at Conley's Chapel, Indian River Hundred.





Indicative that names were apparently spelled by the one who did the writing, and as they thought they should be spelled, note the three spellings of the above narrative for William C. Megee.

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5th                    Herbert Megee, b. 4-6-1870, was married March 16, 1913  
Gener-    to Lola Legates, b. 4-27-1878, the daughter of Philip S.  
ation:    and Mary A. Legates of Indian River Hundred. Their child:

6th                    Elizabeth Megee, b. 2-4-1914  
Gener-  
ation:

Herbert Megee was a farmer and the following seems apropos at this point, and of passing interest. As stated earlier under the FIRST generation-----JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred were the earliest provable progenitors of this Family Tree Project in lower Delaware. They had eight adult children born between about 1773 and 1789 inclusive. Ann predeceased John who died very early in 1813, based upon the reports of the Administrators.

Under the "Amicable Agreement" for the division of the John Megee lands (Sr.) and approved by the Court of Common Pleas of Sussex County, April 24, 1813, each of the eight children were allotted portions ranging from  $27\frac{1}{2}$  acres to 39 acres. The records show the lands were free of all encumbrances.

Subsequent records show that four of these allotted portions were later purchased by Absolom Rust, namely, the first one of  $32\frac{1}{2}$  acres from Elizabeth (Megee) Brittingham in 1818; the second was from William Megee in 1821 for  $27\frac{1}{2}$  acres, also a third portion of 38 acres (believed to have been the homestead portion) allotted to Rebecca Megee, thence by her Will in 1815 to Elizabeth, thence by deed in 1817 to William Megee and sold along with his own allotment in 1821; the fourth portion was from Moses Megee (b. 1789--d. 1864)--in the year of 1826, but without naming acreage. These four portions probably approximated 125 to 130 acres. This consolidated lot of four portions was willed to Thomas Rust, and later, in 1888, he Willed these holdings of land to his grandson, Herbert Megee, who took possession about 75 years after the passing of JOHN MEGEE (Sr.) and included the homestead portion of said John Megee lands.

After an ownership of 20 years, Herbert Megee sold this property to Jacob Chipman in 1908. One year later the said Chipman sold it to Abram E. Dorman, thence to the widow of said Abram Dorman, who is Mrs. Bertie Dorman Shockley, the present owner.

After viewing the researcher's report of the division of the John Megee lands, brother Nelson Megee did some research of the Court House records at Georgetown, Delaware





and developed the transfer of title as outlined above. Late in 1960 the writer and brother Nelson called on the present owner who said the original home of John Megee (Sr.) was on the tract when purchased by Abram Dorman, but that it was destroyed by fire some thirty years ago, possibly in the late 1920's or early 1930's.

An on-ground survey of the location revealed that some debris was still clearly shown. In other words the location of the old home in a corner of an old road and the pine forest has never been broken up and put in cultivation since the said fire. It was good to see the location and to have the opportunity to view it.

The writer was advised by one of the older residents in that area that Thomas Rust lived at the location which, at that time, was to the rear of the Gilley Walls farm. Therefore Herbert Megee was reared on the land and largely in the house of his paternal great-great grandfather, John Megee (Sr.). The writer was further advised that the Thomas Rust and Gilley Walls families were close neighbors, and the informant recalled hearing her mother, a daughter of said Gilley Walls, refer to the happy times between the two families, including Louisa J. (Rust) Megee Robinson.

Herbert Megee on March 1, 1912 purchased a farm of 105 acres from Moore Brothers (Asher, Frank and Ollister) of Bishopville, Maryland and Selbyville, Delaware, said farm being located in the Fairmount-Angola area. Herbert and his wife, Lola J. (Legates) Megee, resided there until he reached "Journey's End" 9-12-1955, aged 85 years and five months. He was buried at Conley's Chapel in the Angola district.

His widow subsequently moved to Harbeson, Delaware around 1960. She was supplied certain of the data concerning Herbert Megee, in collaboration with her daughter and the latter's mother-in-law, Mrs. Mayme E. (Simpler) Dodd.

P. S. Mrs. Lola (Legates) Megee reached "Journey's End" January 13, 1963, aged 84 years 8½ months. Burial at Conley's Chapel.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Elizabeth Megee, b. 2-4-1914, daughter of Herbert and Lola (Legates) Megee, was married 2-14-1953 to Miles Edgar Dodd (known as Miles) b. 10-1-1911, son of the late Golda Dodd and his wife, Mayme E. (Simpler) Dodd. They have since resided on the home farm with his mother. This is the same farm where his grandfather, the late J. Houston Dodd, and wife lived for the major portion of their married life.





Elizabeth (Megee) Dodd recalls hearing her father, Herbert, refer to his grat uncle William T. (Billy) Megee, and the latter's wife, Rhoda (Palmer) Megee, also to their son, Charles H. Megee, as well as other members of the family, of a generation or two ago.

Elizabeth and her mother are of the definite opinion that William C. Megee, b. 1846---d. 1874, was buried in the Thomas Megee family burial ground, based upon their recollections of many years ago from older members of the family, but that there was no headstone.

Elizabeth M. and Miles E. Dodd have no children.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles Megee, b. 8-23-1872, was the younger son of William C. and Louisa J. (Rust) Megee. Following the second marriage of his mother, he was reared by her and her husband, David Robinson. He journeyed to Philadelphia when he was about 19 years old, ----where many young men from Sussex County went in those days, and do yet, in seeking employment and satisfactory business associations.

He was married 1-12-1896 to Sophia Rines, b. 5-29-1877, the daughter of Henry and Dorothy Rines of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Harry Megee, b. 5-21-1898, in Philadelphia  
Elsie " , b. 2-20-1900, " "  
Herbert " , b. 8-25-1901, " "

Charles was employed for the major portion of his working life by a large brewing company. Their home address for possibly 40 years was on Ogden Street. He is reported to have retired (generally speaking) about 1940. His wife, Sophia, "Reached Journey's End" 7-16-1944, aged about 67 years, and two months. Charles remained active until September 1948. He was "Summoned Home" on 6-5-1949. Both his wife and himself were interred in Montrose Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation: Harry Megee, b. 5-21-1898, married Carolyn Wright on 8-22-1922 who was born in Lewes, Delaware. They had one child:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Nancy Lou Megee, b. 7-7-1927, who married Werner Bushman. They reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and have four sons, namely:

8th  
Gener-  
ation: Robert----Steven----Mark----and Karl Bushman

Harry Megee died 9-27-1953, aged 55 years and four months. He was buried in a cemetery at Lewes, Delaware. His widow, Carolyn (Wright) Megee has not remarried and, as of early 1962, resides in Philadelphia.

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6th  
Gener-  
ation: Elsie Megee, b. 2-20-1900, has not married. She was employed for 42 years by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia. Under the rules of that company, that men shall retire at 65 and women at 60 years of age, she was automatically retired December 31, 1959. She continues to live in the home where reared. The writer has had the pleasure of a few mail exchanges with this cousin some five times removed, and she has supplied the major portion of the data for Charles Megee and his descendants as herein listed.

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6th                    Herbert Megee II, b. 8-23-1901, the youngest of three  
Gener- children of Charles and Sophia (Rines) Megee. He was  
ation: apparently named for his uncle Herbert Megee of Sussex  
County. He was married (1st) to Henrietta Kircher, b.  
9-25-1901 at Hilltop, New Jersey. They had four children:

7th                    Florence Megee, b. 10-16-1921  
Gener- Herbert            " Jr. b. 2- 5-1924  
ation: Henrietta        " , b. 2-10-1925  
Elsie                " , b. Early 1927,-----died in infancy

Henrietta (Kircher) Megee reached "Journey's End"  
3-17-1927, aged 25 years and six months.

Herbert Megee II was married a second time on 1-11-1942  
to Matilda (Tillie) Strobeck, b. 2-24-1895. No children by  
this marriage. They reside in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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7th                    Florence Megee, b. 10-16-1921, was married in 1942 to  
Gener- Harry Smith. They reside in Philadelphia and have three  
ation: children:

8th                    Lorraine-----Harry-----and Herbert Smith  
Gener-  
ation:

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7th                    Herbert Megee, Jr., b. 2-5-1924. After the loss of his  
Gener- mother when he was approximately three years of age, he was  
ation: reared at Hilltop, New Jersey (incidentally, his sisters  
Florence and Henrietta were reared by their grandparents,  
Charles and Sophia (Rines) Megee of Philadelphia). Herbert  
Jr. was married 9-29-1951 to Irene Bonilli of Hilltop, New  
Jersey. As of early 1962 their only child:

8th                    John Herbert Megee, b. 8-13-1961. They reside in Hill-  
Gener- top, New Jersey direct proven line of about 200 years, for  
ation: John Herbert, as summarized below:

1st                    John and Ann Megee, married about 1770 of Indian River  
Gener- Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. Their eight adult chil-  
ation: dren b. from 1773 to 1789,---included Thomas Megee, b. March  
1786:

2nd                    Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee married about 1811----  
Gener- their eight children, b. from 1813 to 1829, included John  
ation: W. Megee, April 1813.

3rd                    John Williams Megee and his wife, Jane W. (Simpler)  
Gener- Megee, married 1838. They had 14 children including three  
ation: sets of twins. Among these were William C., the survivor  
of the third set of twins, b. 1846.





4th                    William C. married Louisa J. Rust in 1869. They had  
Gener-                two children:  
ation:

5th                    Herbert, b. 1870 and Charles Megee, b. 1872

Gener-                Charles Megee married Sophie Rines in Philadelphia,  
ation:                1-12-1896, their children:

6th                    Harry-----Elsie-----and Herbert

Gener-                Herbert, b. 8-25-1901, married Henrietta Kircher of  
ation:                Hilltop, New Jersey. Their three adult children:

7th                    Florence-----Herbert Jr.-----Henrietta Megee

Gener-                Herbert Jr. and Irene (Bonilli) Megee married 9-29-  
ation:                1951. Their child:

8th                    John Herbert Megee, b. 8-13-1961

Gener-  
ation:

7th                    Henrietta Megee, b. 2-10-1925, a daughter of Herbert  
Gener-                Sr. and Henrietta (Kircher) Megee. She was married 12-1-  
ation:                1956 to Edward Collins of Philadelphia. As of mid-year  
1961, they have one child:

8th                    Paul Collins, b. 2-9-1958

Gener-  
ation:

This is the close (as of late March 1962) of Charles Megee and his wife, Sophia (Rines) Megee, and their descendants to date.

Gertrude Faustane Robinson, b. about August 1879, the daughter of Louisa J. (Rust) Megee Robinson and her husband David Robinson of Angola, Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

Gertrude Faustane was a half sister of Herbert, b. 1870, and Charles Megee, b. 1872. Said Gertrude was listed as 11 months old in 1880 at the time of taking the U. S. Census in Indian River Hundred, which probably was in the late Spring or early Summer. Based upon the Census report, it is estimated her birth was about August of 1879. She married D. Hazzard of the Fairmont area of the same Indian River Hundred in which she was born.

Louisa J. (Rust) Megee Robinson reached "Journey's End" in February 1917 and is "At Rest" in Conley's Chapel Cemetery in the Angola district of Sussex County.

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4th                    Letty Jane Megee, b. 4-6-1856, a daughter of John W.  
Gener- and Jane W. (Simpler) Megee of Indian River Hundred, Sussex  
ation: County. She married William T. Rust, b. 9-26-1849 in the  
same general vicinity (the St. John's Church area). Their  
children:

5th                    Katie Houston Rust, b. 10- 3-1876  
Gener-                    Lura                    "                    , b. 8-15-1880  
ation:                    William Edward "                    , b. 5-20-1888

William T. Rust was a farmer and they resided in the same general district as where born and reared. He reached "Journey's End" 6-12-1910, aged 60 years and about eight months. He was buried in the Thomas Megee family burial ground, about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads and church on the East side of the Public highway.

His widow, Letty Jane (Megee) Rust, continued to reside in the same neighborhood until "Called Home" October 21, 1939, aged 83 years and six months. She was buried beside her husband in the family burial ground.

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5th                    Katie Houston Rust, b. 10-3-1876, spent her life in the  
Gener- general area where born and reared. She made her home with  
ation: her mother and brother, W. Edward Rust, more or less until  
"Called Home" 7-29-1952, aged 75 years and about ten months.

She never married. Her burial was in the Thomas Megee family burying ground.

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5th                    Lura Rust, b. 8-5-1880, a daughter of William T. and  
Gener- Letty Jane (Megee) Rust. She was married 9-3-1895 to Alfred  
ation: Rogers, b. in 1877. Their children:

6th                    William N. Rogers, b. 8-17-1896  
Gener-                    Bessie H.                    "                    , b. 11-15-1898----died 3-4-1915  
ation:                    Clarence M.                    "                    , b. 4-22-1907  
                         Myrtle                    "                    , b. 9-13-1908  
                         Verna                    "                    , b. 5-26-1913  
                         Lillie H.                    "                    , b. 8-22-1918

They had a total of nine children, of whom three died in infancy or very young. Bessie passed away at the age of 16 years and about four months. The remaining five grew up in the same general district.

Alfred Rogers, a farmer died in 1950, about 73 years old. He was buried in the Thomas Megee family burial ground and the name on the headstone is carved as Alford Rogers. The headstone for Bessie reads, "Daughter of Alfred and Lura Rogers". It is assumed that Alfred is the correct christian name. Lura (Rust) Rogers and her husband Alfred were members of the rather exclusive Golden Wedding Anniversary Club.





The widow, Lura (Rust) Rogers continued to live for a decade in or near Millsboro. The writer had the privilege of calling on her in late November 1960 and again for a brief stop at her daughter's home, (Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tingle) in January 1961, at Omar, near Frankford. So far as recalled at the moment, she is the last surviving grandchild of John W. Megee, b. 4-20-1813,-----d. 1-27-1894. Since early 1961 she has continued, due to disability, to remain with her daughter, Mrs. Tingle.

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6th                    William N. Rogers, b. 8-17-1896, was married October  
Gener-                6, 1923 to Emma Jackson of Rogersville, Tennessee. He died  
ation:                12-13-1937 and his widow was "Called Home" 1-10-1947. They  
                      had no children.

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6th                    Clarence M. Rogers, b. 4-22-1907, married Bertie Wells,  
Gener-                daughter of Willard Wells. They were married January 19,  
ation:                1934 and live at Mt. Joy Cross-roads, near Zoar church.  
                      They have no children.

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6th                    Myrtle Rogers, b. 9-13-1908, was married 12-16-1925 to  
Gener-                Harry Knipp of Reading, Pennsylvania. They had four children:  
ation:                -----

6th                    Verna Rogers, b. 5-26-1913, and was married April 20,  
Gener-                1935 to David C. Judd of New York. They are reported as  
ation:                having moved to California several years ago. They have no  
                      children.

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6th                    Lillie H. Rogers, b. 8-22-1918, was married on 8-20-1938  
Gener-                to Chester T. Tingle of Frankford, Delaware. He was born  
ation:                5-18-1907. They live at Omar near Frankford, where they are  
                      engaged in the broiler business and light farming. They  
                      have no children.

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5th                    William Edward Rust, b. 5-20-1888, the son of William  
Gener-                T. and Letty Jane (Megee) Rust. He was married on 11-5-  
ation:                1908 to Elsie Johnson, b. 3-20-1892, the daughter of Phillip  
                         Johnson. Their children:

6th                    Thomas A. Rust, b. 4-4-1913  
Gener-                Anna Virginia", b. 11-7-1916  
ation:                Clifford E. ", b. 12-4-1920

William Edward Rust (known as Edward or Ed) was a farmer in Indian River Hundred, in the general area of where reared. He reached "Journey's End" at the comparatively early age of 62 years and eight months on January 5, 1951.

His widow continues to reside in the same vicinity, as of 1961.

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6th                    Thomas A. Rust, b. 4-4-1913, was married on 4-22-1932  
Gener-                to Ida Timmons, daughter of Edward H. Timmons of Dagsboro  
ation:                Hundred. Their child:

7th                    Vivian Ann Rust, b. 1-28-1933  
Gener-  
ation:

Thomas A. is a successful farmer and producer of broil-  
ers. Their home is on the west side of the public highway,  
Millsboro to Zoar Cross-roads and church, probably a mile  
north of Millsboro.

The writer had the privilege of calling at their home in late November 1960. In his absence, Mrs. Rust and daughter supplied the John W. Megee family Bible which was acquired by said John W. in 1858, and it is understood that the family records listed in that Good Book, which are in beautiful handwriting, were made by William T. Rust. A great many of the records were copied and it is hoped that an opportunity will be afforded to accept the cordial invitation of Mr. Rust for a "Return engagement" in the not too distant future.

Thomas A. Rust has been most helpful in supplying by mail much information with respect to his paternal grandfather-grandmother and his family line of descendants from them.

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7th                    Vivian Ann Rust, b. 1-26-1933, was married 5-5-1953 to  
Gener-                Robert Q. Littleton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Q.  
ation:                Littleton, Sr. of Millsboro, Delaware. Their children:

8th                    Chris Michael Littleton, b. 5- 9-1954  
Gener-                Karen Suzanne                    ", b. 9-17-1959  
ation:

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6th                    Anna Virginia Rust, b. 11-7-1916, was married 6-24-19  
 Gener-    to Bovard Carmean. Their child:  
 ation:

7th                    Clifford E. Rust, b. 12-4-1920, the youngest of three  
 Gener-    children of W. Edward and Elsie (Johnson) Rust. He married  
 ation:    Amanda Outten, b. 3-17-1921, daughter of Hiram Outten and  
             wife of Milton, Delaware. Their children:

7th                    Gerald Clifford Rust, b. 3- 8-1940  
 Gener-                Virgil Phillip        "    , b. 2-26-1942  
 ation:                Stephen Hiram        "    , b. 1-24-1949  
                       Linda Madelyn        "    , b. 12- 3-1952

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 NOTE--- This closes the record of Letty Jane (Megee) Rust  
             and her husband, William T. Rust, and their descend-  
             ants to the extent available, up to the year-end of  
             1961.

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4th                    John Hough Megee, b. 10-27-1857 (known as Hough--pro-  
Gener- nounced as Huff) a son of John W. and Jane W. (Simpler)  
ation: Megee, the youngest of 14 children. He was named for a  
Pastor of Methodist Church, Rev. John Hough. From the Mar-  
riage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware;---  
"John H. Megee and Rhoda A. Simpler, 7-28-1879, by Rev. V.  
Gray."

Based upon the U. S. Census reports (Indian River Hun-  
dred, Sussex County) for 1860 and 1870, Rhoda A. Simpler  
was the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Megee) Simpler  
and she was born in the latter part of 1851: Their children:

5th                    Landreth Megee, b. 9- 4-1880,----died, 5-3-1889  
Gener-                    Ella                    "                    , b. 12-24-1882  
ation:                    Blanche                "                    , b.                    1884 (Estimated)  
                         Horace                    "                    , b. 6-19-1885

Hough Megee for several years was a farmer in the St.  
John's--Zoar district of Indian River Hundred. For a sub-  
stantial portion of this time he is reported to have lived  
on the farm which at one time was owned by John W. Megee,  
and is currently (1961) owned by Chester West.

Information indicates that J. Hough and his wife gravi-  
tated towards Milton, and that he died in or near the latter  
town, also that his wife predeceased him. It has been  
suggested that he was buried in the Thomas Megee family  
burying ground, on the Millsboro to Milton public highway,  
north of Zoar Church and Cross-roads. Very logical but,  
if so, he has no headstone.

Rhoda A. (Simpler) Megee reached "Journey's End" 2-5-  
1910, aged 58 years and four months, which would make her  
birth about October 1851. Her father and mother are buried  
in the Thomas Megee burying ground and each has a headstone.  
It is a natural assumption that Rhoda was buried there but,  
if so, there is no headstone.

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5th                    Ella Megee, b. 12-24-1882, is reported to have married  
Gener- Neal Mumford, and that for several years they resided in  
ation: or near Rehoboth Beach. Her death is recorded as 2-25-1928,  
at which time she would have been about 45 years and two  
months old. It is understood there were one or more chil-  
dren, however, no information has been received with respect  
to this feature.

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5th                    Blanche Megee, the younger of the two daughters of J.  
Gener- Hough and Rhoda (Simpler) Megee, is estimated to have been  
ation: born in early 1884. She married Lawrence Cordrey (known as





Larry) and they are reported to have lived, for the major portion of their life, in or near Millsboro, Delaware.

They had at least one son and possibly more children.

The one son was John Cordrey and, as of 1961, he and his wife were living in Georgetown and reportedly had one or more children.

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

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Horace Megee, b. 6-19-1885, as listed in the John W. Megee family Bible, in possession (1961) of Thomas A. Rust, North of Millsboro. Horace was the youngest of four children of J. Hough and Rhoda A. (Simpler) Megee. He married Lilly Bennum, daughter of Reverend Nehemiah Bennum and wife. They had one child, who died in infancy.

Horace and wife moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was employed by the duPont Company for many years. His wife, Lilly (Bennum) Megee was "Called Home" at a comparatively early age, and is reported to have been buried in Wilmington, Delaware, however, there has been no confirming advice.

Horace was married a second time, as evidenced by the Wilmington paper of December 12, 1960, which carried a report of his death, aged about 75 years plus. He was reported buried in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, and the paper stated that,---"His second wife Amelia Somers Megee, survives him." There were no children by the second marriage.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation:      George L. (Lincoln) Megee, b. 12-9-1865, the son of John W. (2nd m.) and Anna S. (Johnson) Simpler, Megee. The U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred, for 1870, (See narrative of John W. Megee, third generation) shows George L. as four years old, which agrees with the birth record in the family Bible.

The 1880 U. S. Census does not list George L. in Sussex County. He would have been 15 years old, and may have been away at sea. In early 1961, the genealogist transmitted a certified copy of an obituary notice in the Milford, Delaware, CHRONICLE, weekly issue dated September 25, 1953, and the following two paragraphs have been taken from it:

"George Lincoln Megee, one of the oldest residents of Cave Neck, Milton area, on Thursday, September 17, 1953, after nine years of ill health. Born near St. John's Church, (Indian River Hundred) he had a varied career, --- Cabin boy on ships--later a seaman---began farming in 1886-- moved to Philadelphia in 1896, as a carpenter on a large construction project. He returned to his farm in 1926, near Milton, and retired nine years ago, when his health failed, at which time he was about 79 years of age.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Clara (Douglas) Magee, and a son and a daughter by a former marriage, Miss Maggie Magee, Elmer Magee and Merritt G. Magee of Philadelphia, and two grandchildren. Funeral services St. John's Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in adjoining cemetery."

George L. Magee, --- (despite the spelling of the family name as MEGEE by his father, grandfather, uncles, aunts, and halfbrothers--sisters) always used MAGEE, in spelling his name, and the same for his children). He was married (1st m.) in 1883, to Josephine Bauer, b. March 18, 1862, at Kenton, Delaware. Their children were:

Elmer W. (Wilson) Magee,	b. 1-13-1885,	Milton, Delaware
Margaret Mary	" , b. 8-11-1887,	" "
George L. Jr.,	" , b. In year 1891	" "
Merritt George	" , b. 5- 6-1893	" "

NOTE: George L. Jr., died very young, aged about nine months.

George L. Sr., was married a second time, the bride being Clara Douglas, of Cave Neck area, (Holland's mill location) near Milton. No children by this marriage. His interment at St. John's was beside his mother, whose headstone reads, ---"Anne S. Megee, b. 6-3-1829, ----died 9-5-1885."

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Elmer W. Magee, b. 1-13-1885, moved with his parents from the Milton area to Philadelphia in the second half of the 1890s, and has resided there since. He is reported in mid-1962 as having retired from active work, but is in good health. He never married.

P. S. He died November 4, after a relatively short illness. Burial in Goshen M.E. Cemetery, in Milton, Delaware, November 8, 1962, age 77 years and almost 10 months.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Margaret Mary Magee, b. 8-11-1887, moved with her parents to Philadelphia in the second half of the 1890s. She is reported (in mid-1962) as being retired, and looking after the household, which she and her brother Elmer W. maintains, and is in reasonably good health. As evidenced herein, she has never married.

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Merritt George Magee, (known as Merritt) b. 5-6-1893, moved with his parents to Philadelphia, and has since lived in that city or nearby suburban territory. He was employed by the Tiona Petroleum Company, of Pennsacken, New Jersey, for the major portion of his active working life, serving as an officer of that Company for several years.

Merritt G. served with Company E, 316th Infantry in World War I, and was wounded in action in the Argonne Sector. He was married on 8-6-1919, to Ethel May Mercer, b. 3-13-1892 in Philadelphia. They were married in Belmont Baptist Church, of Philadelphia. Their children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Merritt George Magee Jr., b. 4-25-1920, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Martha Virginia " , b. 9-10-1921, " "  
Jean Carol " , b. 12-24-1929, " "

NOTE: The first wife of George L. Magee, Sr. (Josephine Bauer) Magee resided in Philadelphia, with her children, until "Called Home" in 1951, at which time, interment was in the Methodist Church Cemetery at Milton, Delaware, beside her son, George L. Jr., and both have headstones on the side next to the old Public School. She was 89 years old.

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Merritt George Magee Jr., b. 4-25-1920, served as an Aviation mechanic in the Navy--Pacific theatre during World War II. He was married on 6-30-1945, to Elizabeth M. Greenwood, b. 4-24-1924, in Aldan, Pennsylvania. As of mid-1962, they report four children, namely:





7th	Merritt George Magee, III, b.	8-16-1946
Gener-	Elizabeth Kerie "	b. 11-18-1947
ation:	Mary Mercer "	b. 4-28-1952
	Alice J. "	b. 11-29-1959

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6th                    Martha Virginia Magee, b. 9-10-1921, was married on  
Gener-                July 28, 1945, to William A. Rook, and they have three  
ation:                children, as of mid-1962, all being sons, and are of course  
                         7th generation.

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6th                    Jean Carol Magee, b. 12-24-1929, the youngest of the  
Gener-                three children of Merritt G. Sr., and Ethel (Mercer) Magee,  
ation:                was married on October 9, 1954, to Robert Calhoun. As of  
                         mid-1962, they report, three children (two sons and one  
                         daughter) who are of the 7th generation.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Mary E. Megee, b. 3-11-1867, the daughter of John W. (2nd marriage) and Anne S. (Johnson) Simpler, Megee. (See narrative of JOHN W. MEGEE, under THIRD generation). The 1870 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, lists:---"John W. Megee, age 57, farmer and owner of substantial real estate, the name of his wife Anne S.--age 41, and daughter Mary E. age 3 years."

The 1880 U. S. Census for Indian River Hundred shows Mary E. Megee, age 12 years, with her mother, at the home of her maternal grandfather, Azale Johnson, age 76 years, in the area of St. John's Methodist Church, Springfield Cross-roads, (formerly known as Johnsons Cross-roads).

No record of Mary E. Megee has been found in Delaware since the 1880 U. S. Census data. An inquiry was made in mid-1962 of Merritt G. Magee Sr., who supplied all the data concerning his father's first marriage, children thereof, and the 6th and 7th generations as chronicled. He advised that his aunt, the said Mary E. Megee lived at his father's home (George L. Magee Sr.,) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a period of time, in the second half of the 1890s, that unfortunately he does not have any information beyond that era, and since the passing of his father and mother, that they have no record.

(Note by writer in 1962). The marriage of John W. Megee and Anne (Johnson) Simpler, b. 6-3-1829, daughter of Azale and Tabitha Johnson, of Springfield Cross-roads is recorded in the John W. Megee family Bible, in possession of a great grandson Thomas A. Rust, North of Millsboro, Delaware. The date of marriage 3-2-1865. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, reads,---"John W. Megee and Anne S. Simpler." The births of George L. and his sister Mary E. Megee, are recorded in said Bible. The ages of the two children as listed in the 1870 Census records are in agreement with the Bible records.

This closes the record of John Williams Megee, b. 1813, the oldest son of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee (second generation), and his descendants.

The cooperation of Merritt G. Sr., in supplying the data listed herein has been most helpful.

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4th                    Anna Hall Megee, b. 11-6-1844 at Milton, Delaware,  
Gener- daughter of Noah W. and Patience (Kellam) Megee (she was  
ation: the surviving member of twins). She married Rev. Edward  
Gwin Irwin, b. 8-23-1829. He was a Methodist Minister.  
Their children:

5th                    Elizabeth Blaine Irwin, b. 4-10-1863  
Gener- Frances Houston                    "                    , b. 8-23-1867  
ation: Adam Wallace                    "                    , b. 6- 8-1871  
Charles Megee                    "                    , b. 7-19-1873  
Edward Gwin and Henry Hardcastle Irwin, died in infancy, or  
at a very young age.

Rev. Edward G. Irwin was "Summoned Home" 3-12-1879,  
aged 50 years. Burial in Milton Methodist Church Cemetery.  
His widow, Anna (Megee) Irwin, reached "Journey's End"  
5-26-1919, aged 74½ years. Interment beside her husband  
at Milton, Delaware.

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5th                    Elizabeth Blaine Irwin, b. 4-10-1863----died 2-7-1912,  
Gener- aged about 48 years and ten months. She did not marry.  
ation: Burial in the family plot at Milton, Delaware.

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5th                    Frances Houston Irwin, b. 8-23-1867 (known as Frances).  
Gener- Birth in Philadelphia and she spent the major portion of  
ation: her life in that city. Among her activities she was a  
registered genealogist with the Historical Society of Penn-  
sylvania. She did not marry and reached "Journey's End"  
3-25-1950, aged about 82 years and seven months. Burial  
at Milton, Delaware.

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5th                    Adam Wallace Irwin, (known as Wallace) b. 6-8-1871 at  
Gener- Marydel, Maryland. He enlisted in the army during the  
ation: Spanish-American War, re-enlisting at its close in the army  
of Occupation of the Philippine Islands, serving as a  
Sergeant-Major until mustered out in 1901.

He was married 9-27-1905 to Sara Martin Polk, b. 3-30-  
1882. They resided in Philadelphia until after the close  
of World War I, during which he served in the Schuykill  
Arsenal in Philadelphia. Their child:

6th                    Anna Elizabeth Irwin, b. 10-20-1909, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Gener-  
ation: Wallace Irwin and family moved to Milton, Delaware in  
1919. He was a lumber salesman for the Delmarva Peninsula  
and Eastern Pennsylvania until he was "Summoned Home" 12-12-  
1925, aged about 54 years and six months. His widow con-





tinued to reside in Milton until "Called Home" in 1940, aged about 58 years.

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6th                    Anna Elizabeth Irwin, b. 10-20-1909, in Philadelphia.  
Gener- She was married 6-29-1929 in Milton to John P. Cowgill,  
ation: born 3-9-1905 in Dover, Delaware, a lineal descendant of  
Ellen Cowgill who, with her family, came from England with  
William Penn on the ship WELCOME in 1682. Their four  
children:

7th                    Elizabeth Ann, b. 2-16-1931  
Gener- Sara Ellen,        b. 3-28-1932  
ation: Frances Irwin, b. 6-27-1934  
Ruth,                b. 2-25-1941

John P. Cowgill and his wife, Anna Elizabeth, moved from Milton to Rehoboth Beach, where he is an electrical work contractor. The writer had the pleasure of calling at their home in September 1959. Mrs. Cowgill has been very helpful, subsequent to that visit, in supplying the major portion of the information listed herein for Anna Hall (Megee) Irwin and her descendants.

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7th                    Elizabeth Ann Cowgill, b. 2-16-1931, was married 2-1-  
Gener- 1952 to Eugene Ellison. Their children:  
ation:

8th                    Eugene Leslie Ellison, b. 11-20-1953  
Gener- Matthew Palmer     "        , b. 1- 5-1956  
ation: James Curtis        "        , b. 4- 3-1959

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7th                    Sara Ellen (known as Ellen) b. 3-28-1932, was married  
Gener- 2-5-1955 to William Peden. Their children:  
ation:

8th                    Deborah Ellen Peden, b. 2-15-1956  
Gener- William Thomas     "        , b. 7-25-1957  
ation: Mary Frances        "        , b. 11- 5-1958  
Ann Elizabeth        "        , b. 9-13-1960

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7th                    Frances Irwin Cowgill, b. 6-27-1934, and her younger  
Gener- sister, Ruth Cowgill, b. 2-25-1941, are unmarried as of  
ation: late 1961.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles Megee Irwin, b. 7-19-1873, the youngest adult child of Rev. Edward Gwin and Anna Hall (Megee) Irwin was married 6-20-1906 to Caroline Fennimore Fisher, b. 1878, the third child of Captain John Fisher and his wife, Eliza (Megee) Fisher, b. November 1852, the only daughter of Levin J. and Eliza (Davidson) Megee. (See narrative of THIRD generation for Levin J. Megee, a brother of Noah W. Megee the shipbuilder. Children of Charles and Caroline (F.) Irwin:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Dorothy Irwin, b. 5-17-1907  
Charles Fisher Irwin, b. 9-21-1911

Charles M. Irwin and wife resided in and around Philadelphia. They were living in Ardmore, Pennsylvania when he reached "Journey's End". Mrs. Cowgill said ---"Following the death of her husband, Aunt Caroline, Dorothy and Charles moved to Elkins Park, which is our last record."

As of 1962 Charles F. Irwin and wife resided in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

NOTE: The said Caroline (Fisher) Irwin was one of four adult children of Captain John Fisher and his (first) wife, Eliza A. (Megee) Fisher, of Milton, Delaware.

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4th                    Charles Thomas Megee, b. 10-11-1854 at Milton, Delaware,  
Gener-                son of Noah W. and Patience (Kellam) Megee. He was married  
ation:                on May 15, 1878 to Cecilia Baynum Clifton, b. 4-26-1857, of  
Lewes, Delaware. Their children:

5th                    Charles Fennimore Megee, b. 3-31-1881  
Gener-                Florence Clifton                "                , b. 9-23-1883  
ation:                Ann Irwin                        "                , b. 3-15-1893

Charles T. became a seafaring man at an early age and was a Master of ships as a comparatively young man. Among the vessels built upon the banks of the Broadkill river, which Captain Charles T. commanded, was the GEORGE W. FENNI-MORE launched in 1883.

He retired from the sea and established a ship brokerage agency under his name around the early 1890s in Philadelphia. He was a very active man. It is the writer's recollection that he served a term as President of the "Sons of Delaware", a prominent social organization of Philadelphia, in the 1890s and the first decade or two of the 1900s especially. In talking with his older son-in-law in early 1960 in connection with Captain Charles T., he said ----- "Caleb, Captain Charley Megee was a great guy." His second son-in-law recently said in a note (early 1962) that from what he had heard Captain Charles T. "must have been quite a man."

Cecilia B. (Clifton) Megee was "Summoned Home" 11-1-1910, aged 53½ years. She was buried at Lewes, Delaware. Captain Charles T. retired from business in the 1920s but continued to reside in Philadelphia until he reached "Journey's End" 9-24-1931. His burial was at Lewes beside his partner of 32½ years. They have a joint headstone in the cemetery where they are "At Rest".

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Ann I. (Megee) Bates, the younger daughter of Captain Charles T., the writer was privileged early in 1962 to read two letters from the latter, dated in 1876 and 1878, which were in the original addressed envelopes, postmarked from the two ports where written, and excerpts are herewith quoted from these interesting letters of almost 90 years ago.

"Vianna, Portugal, Europe,  
March 15, 1876.

My Dear Father:

With unusual gladness I embrace the present and first opportunity of announcing our safe arrival here. Doubtless you have been anxious about me. After a passage of thirty one days from the Capes we arrived yesterday, moored the vessel and prepared for discharging.





I will give a description of our voyage thus far, as you have a curiosity to cross the ocean. We left the Capes under favorable circumstances, wind and weather moderate and fine for five successive days. Then the increasing wind made us shorten sail. When reefing the foresail the first night the wind began to blow I was the subject of misfortune, for the peak downhaul caught me around the neck, threw me down against the bulwarks, and broke my left jawbone.

I did not know at the time how badly I was hurt. For about a week after this accident I lived on coffee, mush and gruel, being unable to chew anything at all. By as good attention being given as could be rendered under the circumstances, the swelling gradually decreased, showing plainly that the bone was broken. It is nearly well now, (about three weeks later) but has left a dent in my jaw, and the left side of my face and upper lip paralyzed, and is very unpleasant.

The gale increased to a hurricane and blew with such violence that we bursted our two reefed foresail, then ran under bare poles. The seas tumbled in on the deck without any difficulty at all, and occasionally attempted to come over the stern. They would tower up like mountains, and to see them coming, one would suppose they would completely envelop the whole vessel. We could not heave too for the canvas would not stand it, moreover it was dangerous to so attempt in such a sea.

The country here is mountainous and rocky, and the town is of the ancient style. We go from here to Cadiz, Spain, about three hundred miles. I have always since I started to sea, had a curiosity to come to Europe, in fact it was my curiosity and ambition which led me to venture this trip.

This place is nearly in the latitude of Cape Cod, yet the weather is mild and pleasant. I am anxious to get started home or fear I shall miss the Centennial. When we get back I want you to go to Philadelphia and if mother can leave home bring her and Willie.

I imagine Celia is uneasy and anxious to hear from me. I shall write her tonight, but Pop I wish you would write her when you receive this, as my letter to her might be delayed, and I wish to relieve her of any suspense. Give my love to Mother, Mary and Willie. Accept an abundance of love for yourself. From your devoted and loving son, Charley.

P. S. I will write on our arrival at Cadiz." (End)

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NOTE by writer: Charles Thomas Megee was approximately 21½ years old when this letter from Portugal was written. He was apparently serving as mate of the ship, and the ship's Master was a Captain Hudson. (Probably the Captain Henry Hudson of Milton, Delaware, but does not so state.) A long four page letter written in good penmanship. The ink was good because it is 100% legible at this date (86 years later). It was directed

Mr. N. W. Megee,  
Milton,  
Sussex County, Delaware  
United States of America.

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(The second letter)

"Oran, Algeria, Africa,  
Sunday, August 18, 1878.

My Dear Father:

I will now with joy announce my arrival here on the 16th. Had a passage of thirty five days. We will begin to discharge cargo tomorrow.

I ran for the place in the night and went to the mast head to look for the light and when I made it, I said,--- and said it reverently,---"Thank the Lord". The wind was blowing so hard that when I got close enough, I hove to, and waited until daylight to come in.

The day you took me to Ellendale---(for the train to Phila)-----you said I would have a good bit of responsibility on me. After getting to sea with a large vessel and lives of all on board, and the cargo depending on my judgment, and correct calculations, I tell you I felt it. It was a load for a boy, but the foundation was there, possessing the qualities of a father who encouraged me by saying--"I know you can do it"---I knew I could go through with it. I had no one to refer to either in navigation or running. Every figure I made, I was sure it was right. Every course I steered I was confident it was correct.

I am glad that I came to Europe with Captain Hudson--(two and one-half years earlier)---for that experience has been valuable. I wished for you several times, you would have enjoyed the sight coming through the straits of Gibraltar, and up the Mediterranean. I hope soon to be on my way to Cadiz. I shall endeavor to hurry along and get back to the United States. By divine aid and proper care, I hope to prove a boy can accomplish some surprising things. Hope the owners will be satisfied for me to continue in this ship. She is a nice vessel and I am proud of her.





Give my love to Mom and the children. Write to Celia and Sister and tell them of my arrival. Accept my abundance of love for yourself. I am as ever, Your affect. son. Charley." (End).

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The original envelope carries the Oran, Algiers postmark, also a red seal on the back, affixed in such manner, that it could not be opened without breaking the seal, which reads--"S. Kuhlman  
Courtier Maritime  
Sworn Ship Broker,  
Oran."

Obviously Captain Charles T. was Master of the ship, and perhaps this was his first voyage across the ocean in that capacity. He was about 24 years old and had been married a few days over three months. His love to "Mom and the children" embraced his stepmother, Mrs. Lydia (Burton) Megee, his half sister, Mary L. and half-brother William P. D. Megee.

The narrative for his father, NOAH WILTBANK MEGEE, b. 1814----d. 1883, is shown under THIRD generation. He was a prominent shipbuilder of Milton, Delaware. His descendants are under the FOURTH generation.

Again, appreciation to Mrs. Ann I. (Megee) Bates for the temporary loan of these two original letters and for her cooperation in supplying data for her own family. This contribution has added a great deal to the MEGEE FAMILY TREE PROJECT. (Early 1962 by the writer CRM)

From a weekly MILTON News Letter to the Milford CHRONICLE, the following is quoted: "Captain Charles T. Megee, who has been visiting his many old friends and acquaintances here, returned to his home in Philadelphia on Monday last, where he is in business as a shipbroker." (Note-- This was in either 1893 or 1894. It is quoted by courtesy of Captain T. Clarke Conwell.)

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NOTE by writer: Copies of the two letters from Captain Charles T. to his father in 1876 and 1878 were sent Captain T. Clarke Conwell of San Francisco, who regarded them as prizes for inclusion in the Book which he is compiling (mentioned earlier in this project) and in December 1962 furnished copies of his research concerning the two trips across the Atlantic Ocean in 1876 and 1878. These data are quoted herein by permission of Captain Conwell:





"Through the Customs records contained in the National Archives and the vessel arrival/sailing information contained in the New York Maritime Registers, considerable information has been confirmed with respect to this and the next voyage to be mentioned.

With the clue of the probable date the vessel sailed from the Capes, 31 days prior to the March 14 arrival in Portugal, and the name, 'Captain Hudson', it was found that on February 9, 1876, Captain H. C. Hudson cleared the schooner EMMA HEATHER, crew of 8, tonnage 292, at Philadelphia Customs for Vianna de Castelle, (also spelled Vianna de Castello) Portugal. The HEATHER left Philadelphia on the 10th and apparently took her departure from the Capes on the 12th, arriving Vianna on the 14th, 31 days later.

The HEATHER was built at Milton by David H. Atkins in 1871. She was a three master schooner, measuring 124.4' X 27.5' X 11.6' of 292.35 tons, had a scroll head and a round stern. It was not unusual for sailing vessels of this size to venture across the Atlantic in wintry weather though Charles seemed critical of the HEATHER'S condition for such a voyage. At this time the vessel was practically new, slightly over four years old, though it does appear she had needed caulking and sail repair before undertaking the voyage. The nature of the cargo is not known though Charles T. wrote of "Bags" and he feared the 'lower tiers' were water damaged through hull leakage. It is probable the cargo consisted of flour in sacks. Captain Hudson is considered to be the Captain Henry C. Hudson who lived on Atlantic Street, Milton and died in 1912 at the age of 95.

Upon completion of discharge at Vianna the HEATHER sailed on April 9 for Cadiz (Spain) to load for Gloucester, Massachusetts. However, in leaving the port she stranded on the left side of the bar but on the next tide was refloated without damage and proceeded. Mention was made in the stranding report that at Vianna the vessel had 'received some caulking repairs' which probably was associated with the finding of damaged cargo in its 'lower tiers' as feared by C. T.

The date of arrival at Cadiz is not known. She sailed on April 24, 1876, for Gloucester, Mass. where she arrived June 8. Cadiz was a salt producing area, Gloucester used cargoes of it in their fish salting so it is probable that the cargo loaded in Cadiz was salt in bulk. From the tone of Charles T's letter it could be assumed that he terminated his connection with the HEATHER upon arrival in Gloucester."

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In connection with the letter written in August, 1878, by Charles T., then in command, from Oran, Algeria, to his father, Captain Conwell's research results are quoted below:

"Again by back-tracking and translating an arrival date in to a sailing date 35 days earlier, it was found that Captain C. T. Magee had cleared the schooner CHARLES A. COULOMB and sailed from New York for Oran, Algeria, on July 9, 1878. The crew list, total of 9, was also located. Captain Megee's age was not recorded. He was 23 at the time and with the exception of 15 year old George B. Riddle of Pennsylvania, Captain Megee was the youngest man aboard.

The COULOMB was built at Milton in 1873 by Noah W. Megee,----Charles T's father. She, too, was a three-masted schooner measuring 126.5' X 32' X 11.3' and of 361.88 tons, had a scroll head and a counter stern.

Apparently the July/August ocean crossing in this vessel was a far more pleasant experience than the crossing in the HEATHER two years before. Captain Megee acknowledged the pressures of an initial command at sea, particularly when experienced by one of his age, a few weeks less than 24 years.

Though the nature of the cargo is not known, the COULOMB apparently received good despatch at Oran, probably associated with the ambitions of a newly appointed Captain, and was recorded as arriving at Cadiz on September 7. Presumably another cargo of bulk salt was loaded and Captain Megee sailed homeward on September 25. For reasons known only to unrecorded history, the COULOMB duly arrived at the Delaware Breakwater on November 18. Whatever the background, the call at the Breakwater placed Captain Megee about as close to Milton as he could sail a loaded three-master and he no doubt took due advantage thereof. One is mindful of the fact that on May 15, 1878, less than two months before sailing on this voyage, Charles T. had married Cecilia Clifton of Lewes and it is possible that that explains why the COULOMB 'fetched' the Delaware Capes instead of Gloucester direct!

On November 23 the COULOMB hove anchor, made sail and headed for Gloucester, Massachusetts where she arrived on the 30th. Research in this matter terminated with the Gloucester arrival. Captain Charles T. may or may not have continued in command of the COULOMB but subsequent to 1878 it is known that another Megee, Captain George E. also commanded this vessel. Noah W. Megee had fastened the COULOMB well; she lasted a few months over 20 years."

The detailed research by Captain Conwell following the receipt of the copies of the two letters from Captain Charles T. to his father in 1876 and 1878, adds a graphic





epic to the adventures of ship sailing in that period. These two voyages were characteristic of ships built at Milton, Delaware, and commanded by native sons, and how such transportation coastwise and Worldwide contributed to the growth of commerce and growth of this nation.

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5th                    Charles Fennimore Megee, b. 3-31-1881 in Philadelphia,  
Gener-                the son of Captain Charles T. and Cecilia B. (Clifton)  
ation:                Megee. He married Elizabeth Cox (presumably of Philadel-  
                         phia). There were no children. Charles F. was "Called  
                         Home" on 12-25-1925 at the comparatively early age of 44  
                         years and 9 months and apparently was buried in Philadel-  
                         phia.

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5th                    Florence Clifton Megee, b. 9-23-1883 Philadelphia, a  
Gener-                daughter of Captain Charles T. and Cecilia (Clifton) Megee.  
ation:                She was married on 12-19-1908 to Ward Casady Henry, b.  
                         6-6-1883 in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from Harvard  
                         School of Law. They resided for several years in Des Moines  
                         where Ward built up a successful law practice.

He served in World War I, and for the most part over-  
seas. He was honorably discharged as a Colonel and, follow-  
ing the close of the War, instead of returning to Iowa he  
elected to start a law practice in Philadelphia. He later  
established the law firm of Ward C. Henry Company which  
was (at least to 1960) still the style of this well known  
law firm.

The writer had the pleasure of a short visit and lunch  
with Ward C. and Florence (Megee) Henry in the apartment  
house in which they had resided for several years,--as of  
early 1960. She was most helpful in supplying all family  
data available. A very rewarding visit.

Since that date Ward C. has retired from active par-  
ticipation in the law firm, and the second half of 1960  
they moved to Devon Manor, Devon, Pennsylvania, a lovely  
location on the "Main Line" of the Pennsylvania Railroad,  
some few miles west of Philadelphia. Contacts have been  
maintained at intervals and a fine letter was received from  
Florence and Ward C. at Christmas 1961. They have one  
adopted son. This fine couple are members of that some-  
what exclusive group, the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Club,  
having celebrated their membership in 1958.

P. S. Ward C. Henry reached "Journey's End" July 30, 1963,  
age 80 years old. Services in Philadelphia, Saturday  
August 2nd.

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5th                    Ann Irwin Megee, b. 3-15-1893 in Philadelphia, the  
 Gener-                younger daughter of Captain Charles T. and Cecilia B.  
 ation:                (Clifton) Megee. She was married (1st) on 4-11-1912 to  
                      Harold McAneny. Their children:

6th                    Harold McAneny Jr., b. 4-16-1915  
 Gener-                Cecilia Ann "                    b. 1- 1-1918  
 ation:                Charles Megee"                b. 4- 6-1919

Cecilia Ann unfortunately was "Summoned Home" relatively young, prior to reaching the age of ten years.

Ann Irwin (Megee) McAneny was married a second time, the groom being Harold D. Bates, a successful business man of New York City, and for many years they resided at Rowaton, Connecticut within easy distance of New York. The sons above named are married and well located in business and homewise; Harold is in New Jersey, and Charles in Tripoli, Libya, Africa.

The most recent advice from Ann (Megee) Bates and her husband, Harold D. Bates, was their 1961 Christmas card and penned note, advising they had returned to New York City as residents, and extending a cordial invitation whenever in or near New York City. She has contributed materially to this project as earlier mentioned under the narrative of her father, Captain Charles T. Megee.

P. S. The writer had the privilege of "breaking bread" with Ann and Harold at a lunch at their New York City apartment on December 14, 1962. A very enjoyable and rewarding two and one-half hours visit, which had been programmed earlier.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Mary L. Megee, b. 12-11-1862 at Milton, Delaware, the daughter of Noah W. and Lydia D. (Burton) Megee. She adopted teaching in the Public Schools of Delaware as a profession. She was well and favorably known, especially in the Milton--Lewes section of Sussex County. She taught for substantially more than 40 years, and possibly near a half century.

Scharf's History of Delaware, 1609----1888 (printed in the latter year) on page 1266, Volume II, in commenting upon the Public School of Milton, says in part:----"These school rooms are presided over at present (late 1888) by--- C. B. Morris, Miss Mary R. Black and Miss Mary L. Megee. There are in attendance, seventy-eight males and sixty-six females."

Mary L. Megee was devoted to her mother, who lived to be 83 years of age. Mary L. retired from teaching probably around the early 1930s, and reached "Journey's End" 2-23-1937. She was buried in the family lot in Milton M. E. Church Cemetery.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: William Paynter Davidson Megee (known as Willie and Will), b. in 1872, based upon the U. S. Census report of the Noah W. Megee family of Milton, Delaware for the year of 1880. He was the younger of the two adult children of Noah W. (2nd marriage) and Lydia (Burton) Megee.

After completion of public schooling at Milton, he became a machinist and lived in Newport, Delaware practically all of his business life. He is reported to have reached "Journey's End" several years ago, however, the writer to-date (1961) has had no confirmation of when. It is presumed that the report is correct and interment perhaps was made at Newport, Delaware.

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NOTE:---The close of the Noah Wiltbank Megee family line to-date, late in 1961.





FOURTH GENERATION  
and  
Descendants  
Children of Isaac and Elizabeth (Megee) Simpler

4th            No specific effort has been made to follow through  
Gener-       on the children of the aforesaid Isaac Simpler and wife.  
ation:

The following information has been noted and collected, during the routine study of such information as was developed, with respect to the descendants of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee.

4th            Mary E. P. Simpler reported as 12 years old on the  
Gener-       1860 U. S. Census was probably married prior to the 1870  
ation:       Census.

Eliza J. Hunter Simpler, listed on the 1850 Census but not shown on the 1860 Census, can only be presumed to have been "Summoned Home" between 1850 and 1860.

Rhoda A. Simpler, b. October 1851---was married 7-28-1879, as shown in the Marriage File, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, to J. Hough (called Huff) Megee. See narrative of said John Hough Megee, (son of John W. Megee) under FOURTH generation. Rhoda A. died 2-5-1910, aged 58 years and four months. They are believed to have been buried in the Thomas Megee Family Cemetery. However, there are no markers, as of 1960.

No information developed in the routine checks with respect to Charles H. Simpler, estimated birth in second half of 1853, other than mention of his name in the Will of his grandfather, Thomas Megee, in June 1857 and the 1860 U. S. Census record.

George S. Simpler, believed born in 1856-1857. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware lists----"the marriage of George S. Simpler and Georgia A. Ennis, on 12-15-1885. In the event they had any children, it is possible they may still be living (as of 1961).

William W. Simpler, with an estimated birth of 1858, is believed to be included among the Simpler Family records of Mrs. Mayme E. Dodd, widow of the late Golda Dodd (nee Mayme E. Simpler).

No information noted with respect to Amanda and Ella S. Simpler, with estimated births in 1861 and 1865 respectively, during the observations concerning the descendants of Thomas Megee. It is possible that Mrs. Mayme E. Dodd (above mentioned) may have some data.

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#### FOURTH GENERATION

Children (and their descendants) of Levin James Megee and his three wives. Data from Mrs. Elizabeth (Megee) West, and John S. Corrigan, a great grandson of Levin J. and his wife, Elizabeth (Pride) Megee. Both Mrs. West and Mr. Corrigan are residents of Lewes, Delaware and their data supplied to Mrs. Helene C. Potter of Lewes in 1960.

Additionally, Mrs. Dr. R. W. Rainey (nee Alberta McGee) supplied details of her father and mother (Noah W. (II), and his wife Martha (Butler) Megee-McGee). Further, Robert (Bob) F. Jones, a great grandson of Levin J. and Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee, was most helpful in collecting details of many of his uncles and aunts, (children of Noah W. (II) and Butler) Megee-McGee, and their descendants.)

NOTE: The spelling of the name in this section will be noticeable, and perhaps should be clarified to the extent shown below; The writer accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Elsie (Megee) Bryan of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, made a trip to Pocomoke City, Maryland August 15, 1959, and had a delightful visit with Noah W. II, and his wife, Martha (Butler) Megee-McGee. A very enjoyable and rewarding two hours spent with them.

During the exchanges concerning his place of birth and his father and mother, (Levin J. and Elizabeth (Pride) Megee), the writer made an inquiry with respect to the spelling of the name and he replied substantially as follows:

"Yes, I know that my grandfather, THOMAS MEGEE, and all of his children spelled their names as MEGEE. I have visited the old Family Burial ground on the East side of the public highway, about one-half mile North of Zoar on the Millsboro to Milton road. I have seen the several headstones in that cemetery, including my grandfather and grandmother--(both born 1786), also the headstones for my uncle Noah's first wife and two children, as well as the headstones that my father, Levin J., had erected for his first two wives, and others who are "At rest" in that Hallowed soil.

However, after father and mother (Levin J. and wife Elizabeth) moved to Somerset County, Maryland in 1883, the name by common usage among neighbors, friends and business contacts was known as McGee and by custom it was so adopted and used by Levin J. and Elizabeth (Pride) Megee. Their children and descendants have continued this usage."





This is not a direct quotation, but has been stated substantially as he expressed it, while the four of us were present. With a common usage since about 1883, which obviously includes reports of births and marriages, the spelling used herein for the FOURTH generation will be hyphenated MEGEE-McGEE, and for the 5th generation and those that follow it will be treated as McGee, as 75 years to 80 years use by choice certainly should be decisive.

Incidentally, there is one other branch which, around 1856 or possibly a bit earlier (one of seven children) adopted MAGEE instead of MEGEE, and have for slightly over 100 years by choice used that spelling, and the writer has properly so used it in this compilation of material for that particular section of the overall family record.

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4th                    Anne E. Megee, estimated born in the first quarter of  
Gener-    1849 in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, the  
ation:    daughter of Levin J. and Mary Ann (Johnson) Megee.

She married James Speakman of Georgetown, Delaware. They operated a business in that town and were both buried there. Their children:

5th                    William Speakman  
Gener-                Robert Speakman  
ation:

William Speakman married Florance Van Geisel and they had one child, who died in infancy.

Robert Speakman married Rose Pride of Georgetown, Delaware and it is not known whether they had any children.

Both William and Robert Speakman were reported as deceased at the time of inquiry in early 1960.

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4th                    Eliza A. Megee was born 11-9-1852 in Indian River Hun-  
Gener-    dred, Sussex County, Delaware, the daughter of Levin J. and  
ation:    Eliza A. (Davidson) Megee. Her Mother died 11-26-1852 and  
          burial was in the Megee family cemetery, north of Zoar on  
          the Millsboro-Milton highway. The headstone shows her age  
          as 28 years.

Eliza A. (b. 11-9-1852) was presumably reared by her uncle and aunt Noah W. Megee (shipbuilder of Milton, Dela.) ware and his wife, Patience (Kellam) Megee, until the death of the latter in 1859. This rearing apparently continued with the subsequent re-marriage of Noah W. to Lydia D. Burton of Milton. The U. S. Census of 1870, covering the





household of Noah W. Megee, includes as the last name listed, Eliza Megee, aged 17 years.

Passing along the advice received from the earlier mentioned Bob Jones (great grandson of Levin J. and grandson of Noah W. II) that his grandfather had said that Eliza married a Fisher of Milton, the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, found on page 192, of the "Genealogy of the Fisher Family", by Anne Wharton Smith, the following:

"John F. Fisher, b. 3-14-1849, married (1st) 10-9-1872, Eliza A. Megee, b. 11-9-1852-----died 4-6-1887, age 34 years and 5 months. Captain John Fisher married a second time, 3-4-1890, his wife being Maggie C. Atkins, b. 11-12-1864. Children:"

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

William M. Fisher,	b. 12-23-1873	
John H.	"	, b. 10- 4-1875
Carrie F.	"	, b. 4-21-1878
Edith L.	"	, b. 4-25-1881
George T.	"	, b. 3-13-1883
Thomas G.	"	, b. 3-25-1887
Eliza A.	"	, b. 3-25-1887) (Twins)

The first named of the twins died 6-27-1887, and the second on 7-12-1887. From the dates of the births, it is obvious they were all by the marriage of Captain John F. Fisher and his wife, Eliza A. (Megee) Fisher. A tombstone in the Milton M. E. Church Cemetery shows the names of both Captain Fisher and his wife, Eliza.

A Milton, Delaware weekly news item in the Milford CHRONICLE of 1892 read: "John Fisher Jr., son of Captain John Fisher (Sr.) who gives much promise as a mariner, has gone first mate on board the Schooner GEORGE TAULANE, JR. bound for Galveston, Sabine Pass and Mexican ports."

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

While no effort has been directed to following the children of Eliza A. (Megee) Fisher, the following was found concurrently with other routine work programs in early 1962:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:  
  
6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Caroline (F) Fennimore Fisher, b. 4-21-1878, was married to Charles M. Irwin and they resided in and around Philadelphia. They were living in Ardmore, Pennsylvania when he reached "Journey's End", and Caroline (Fisher) Irwin, with her two children, Dorothy and Charles, were reported as having moved to Elkins Park later.

NOTE: A 1962 report showed Charles (Jr.) was listed as residing in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.





4th                    George E. Megee, a son of Levin J. and Elizabeth  
Gener-    (Pride) Megee, was listed on the U. S. Census of 1870 for  
ation:    Sussex County, Delaware as being 15 years of age, there-  
          fore an estimated birth of 1855. He married Georgieanna  
          Dickerson on 12-7-1878, as shown in the Marriage File in  
          the State Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware. Their  
          children:

5th                    Goldie-----Florence-----Della May  
Gener-  
ation:                Goldie Megee married Ebe Hastings of Georgetown, Dela-  
ware. Both reported deceased in 1960. They had one son,  
name unknown.

Florence Megee died at the age of about 14 years, re-  
portedly as result of lockjaw.

Della May Megee was married and had one daughter (sixth  
generation) who in turn was married and has a child, who  
would be the 7th generation.

In the Spring of 1961 the writer, enroute from Milton  
to Georgetown, made a brief stop at Sand Hill Church Ceme-  
tery and, in rambling around, observed the following:

George E. McGee, ---died 11-29-1939  
Georgieanna McGee, "        3-24-1943

Based upon their ages as listed in the U. S. Census  
for 1880, they were 84 years and 85 years respectively when  
they reached "Journey's End". No dates of birth were on  
the headstones. Their daughter, Florence V., lies next to  
her parents, born 1890 and died 7-5-1904.

It was subsequently learned that George E. and his wife,  
Georgieanna, had lived in Georgetown for several years,  
near the parents of Mrs. L. Nelson Megee (nee Charlotte King).

With a marriage on 12-7-1878 this couple was privileged  
to have approximately 60 years of partnership and became  
members of that not too populous group, the Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Club, effective 12-7-1928.

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4th                    William J. Megee was listed as 14 years old on the U.S.  
Gener-    Census for 1870, and 23 years old on the 1880 Census.  
ation:    Therefore, an estimated birth of 1856 would seem about  
          right. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover,  
          Delaware reads:----"William J. Magee and Catherine Ella  
          Fleetwood, 9-24-1882, by Rev. P. H. Rawlins". She was re-  
          ported to be from near Laurel, Delaware. Their children:





5th  
Gener- Blanche Magee, b. 2nd half 1883  
ation: Elizabeth ", b. 12-11-1884  
Mary Emma ", b. 9- 6-1886  
Ida Florence", b. 7- 7-1888  
William J.Jr., b. about 1890--died in infancy  
Sixth child , b. late 1891--died in infancy  
Bernice Ethel, b. 2-15-1893--died year 1962

5th  
Gener- Blanche Magee was married to Charles Legates of George-  
ation: town and they had two children:

6th Alfred Legates b. in 1904. Never married. Reported  
Gener- deceased prior to 1960.  
ation:

6th Myrtle Legates, b. 1907 or 1908, married Edward Will-  
Gener- iams of Virginia. As of 1960, they had a son:  
ation:

7th Charles Williams reported as 12 or 13 years old.  
Gener-  
ation:

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5th Elizabeth Ellen Magee, b. 12-11-1884, second child of  
Gener- William J. and Ella (Fleetwood) Magee. She was married  
ation: 4-8-1902, to Samuel West, b. 10-1-1875-----died 8-7-1952,  
aged about 76 years and 11 months. They were married 50  
years and 4 months. Their child:

6th Dodson C. West, b. 7-31-1905-----died 11-21-1955, aged  
Gener- about 50 years and four months. He married Margaret Ander-  
ation: son of Wilmington, Delaware. Their children (two).

7th David Arthur West, b. early 1932---now married (1960)  
Gener- and has three children, who are of the eighth generation.  
ation:

7th Joan Lines West, the second child of Dodson and Margaret  
Gener- (Anderson) West, born in 1933, is unmarried as of 1960.  
ation:

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5th Mary Emma Magee, b. 9-6-1886. She married Calvin  
Gener- Smack. They had four children: See below;  
ation:

6th Catherine Smack who was married on 3-14-1929 to James  
Gener- Alexander of Florida and Dewey Beach, Delaware. They have  
ation: no children as of 1960.

6th Althea Smack, b. 11-18-1913, was married 3-26-1938 to  
Gener- Herman Lockwood. They have two sons:  
ation:



7th                    Ann Marie, aged 19;                    William J. Jr., aged 17  
Gener-                Patricia Ann "     9:                    Bernice,                    "     5 or 6  
ation;





5th  
Gener- Bernice Ethel (Magee) Corrigan was married a second  
ation: time;----her husband being John Booker of Wilmington,  
Delaware. They had one child:

6th  
Gener- Charlotte Booker, b. 9-28-1932, who married (1st)---  
ation: Alfred Douglas Muller and had one child:

7th  
Gener- Alfred D. Muller, Jr.  
ation:

Charlotte Booker married a second time, her husband being David Lawrence. No children as of 1960. They were located in Berlin, Germany 6-2-1962 at which time her widower mother, Bernice (Magee) Corrigan Booker reached "Journey's End" in that city and burial made at Georgetown, Delaware, 6-17-1962.

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4th  
Gener- Mary Emma Megee, b. about 1858, the U. S. Census for  
ation: 1880 listing her as 22 years old. She was the daughter of  
Levin J. and Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee. She married  
William Ambler Stroud of Pocomoke City, Maryland. Their  
four children:

5th  
Gener- Anne Frances Stroud, who married William Walsh (now  
ation: dead 1960). They had one son who died in infancy.

5th  
Gener- Robert Steven Stroud, who married Catherine Elizabeth  
ation: Butler. They had eight children:

6th  
Gener- Marguerite Stroud, b. 1922, married Franklin A. Hilyard (dead)  
ation: William Ambler " , b. 1924, " Sarah Justice  
Elizabeth " , b. 1926, " William Tobin  
Catherine Eileen", b. 1928, " Al. Machine  
Emma Stroud , b. 1930, " (1st) Charlie Ed Kilmon  
" (2nd) Maurice Silverman  
Anna Frances Stroud 1932, " John Roy Simpson  
Robert Steven " 1938, -----unmarried 1961  
Jno. Maxwell " 1944, -----unmarried 1961

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5th  
Gener- Elizabeth Burns Stroud, the daughter of William Ambler  
ation: Stroud and his wife, Mary Emma (Megee) Stroud. She married  
Orem Trice and they had one daughter, namely:

6th  
Gener- Elizabeth Trice, who married \_\_\_\_\_ Johns and they  
ation: have two children as of 1961, namely:

7th  
Gener- Joseph Jay Johns-----and-----William Johns  
ation:

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5th                    Estella Mae Stroud, who married William R. Rew. They  
Gener-                had two daughters:  
ation:

6th                    Anna Frances Rew, who married Claude Savage Mears.  
Gener-                They have no children as of 1960.  
ation:

6th                    Audrey Milliner Rew, who married Conway Smith. They  
Gener-                have no children as of 1960.  
ation:

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4th                    Theodore M. Megee-McGee. Headstone shows b. 10-25-1862  
Gener-                and died 6-26-1924 aged about 61 years and eight months.  
ation:                He was married (1st) on 8-25-1882 to Maggie Lana Johnson,  
                         born 3-6-1856. Their four children:

5th                    Frederick LeRoy McGee, b. 8-15-1883, who married  
Gener-                Julie \_\_\_\_\_  
ation:

5th                    Oliver Everette McGee, b. 11-8-1889, who married  
Gener-                Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
ation:

5th                    Lloyd McGee, born 10-3-1891, who did not marry.  
Gener-  
ation:

5th                    Clarence McGee, b. 6-24-1893, the youngest of the four  
Gener-                children, married Mildred \_\_\_\_\_. They reside  
ation:                in Georgetown, Delaware where Clarence has a plumbing busi-  
                         ness. The above dates of birth of the four children were  
                         reportedly taken from the Family Bible.

4th                    Theodore M. married a second time on 12-18-1902, his  
Gener-                wife being the former Maggie Lynch of Georgetown, Delaware.  
ation:                They had no children.

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4th                    Charles H. Megee-McGee, shown as being 6 years old on  
Gener-                the Census record of 1870, and 18 years old on the U. S.  
ation:                Census record for 1880. From another source his birth was  
                         reported as 1866. Based upon all data available, including  
                         his marriage, it appears logical and is the belief of the  
                         writer that 1864 would be a good estimate of his year of  
                         birth.

Charles H. married Addie Frances Ross on 6-5-1884,  
which on the basis of birth in 1864 would have made him 20  
years old. Their eight adult children were:



5th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles Columbus McGee, b. 4-23-1886  
Lena " , b. 4-17-1887  
Pearl Mae " , b. -----?  
Arthur " , b. 11-24-1895  
Lee Roy " , b. 12-27-1897  
Gertrude Dashiell " , b. 5-21-1900  
Mabel Elizabeth " , b. 9-10-1904  
Rhuben Thomas " , b. 11- 6-1907

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles Columbus McGee b. 4-23-1886, was married 1-31-1922 to Elsie Marshall, b. 1-27-1905. Their children, total eleven:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles McGee, born 11-12-1922. Unmarried as of 1960.  
Dorothy Madeline McGee, b. 2-10-1924. She was married July 4, 1942 to Frederick James Regulski, b. 2-16-1921. Their issue:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Vincent Charles Regulski, b. 6-12-1943  
Geraldine Elizabeth " , b. 5-14-1947 }  
Gerald George " , b. 5-14-1947 } Twins  
Michael Frederick " , b. 2-27-1950

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Calvin James McGee, b. 8-13-1926----died 10-30-1926.

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Constance Lee McGee, b. 4-28-1928. She was married on 3-3-1947 to William Custis Trader, b. 8-24-1924. Their children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Linda Lee Trader, b. 10-20-1949; Dora Ann Trader, 6-24-1951; Stephen Wayne Trader, b. 11-26-1955.

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Robert Kendall McGee, 2-23-1931, ----died March 1931.

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Ella June McGee, b. 6-17-1932, married Robert Peek on 11-28-1952. Their children:

7th  
Gener-  
ation: Edith June Peek-----Tony Wayne Peek  
Robert Lee Peek-----Debra Marshall Peek





6th Virginia May McGee, b. 5-4-1933. Married Paul Chat-  
Gener- ham. No children as of 1960.  
ation:

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6th Addie Pearl McGee, b. 5-7-1935-----died 11-3-1936  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th Rhuben Oliver McGee, b. 4-29-1938, and was married  
Gener- 1-16-1960 to Silvia Price, b. 12-28-1940.  
ation:

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6th Julia Ann McGee, b. 9-4-1941. She married Arthur  
Gener- Lecates on 9-4-1959.  
ation:

6th John Wesley McGee, b. 4-17-1943, the youngest of  
Gener- eleven children of Charles Columbus, b. 4-23-1886, and  
ation: Elsie (Marshall) McGee b. 1-27-1905. John Wesley was un-  
married as of 1960.

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5th Lena McGee, b. 4-17-1887, daughter of Charles H. and  
Gener- Addie (Ross) McGee. She was married 12-18-1903 to Mody  
ation: Figs, born 5-16-1883. Lena (McGee) Figs and her husband  
died 11-11-1935 and 3-31-1941, respectively. Their five  
children:

6th Helen Figs, b. 12-8-1904, was married to William E.  
Gener- Meredith 6-29-1921. Children:  
ation:

7th Irene Meredith, b. 3-14-1922  
Gener- Clark " , b. 12-26-1923  
ation:

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6th Pearl May Figs-----died in infancy  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th Daniel Woodrow Figs, b. 10-27-1906. He is married  
Gener- but no report of any children.  
ation:

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6th Lloyd Lee Figs, b. 10-24-1907. He married Margaret  
Gener- \_\_\_\_\_ . No children reported as of 1960.  
ation:

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6th  
Gener- May Figgs, b. 9-13-1909, the youngest of five chil-  
ation: dren of Moody Figgs and Lena Mae (McGee) Figgs. She was  
married 1-11-1929 to Joseph Pinkowski, b. 10-2-1908.  
Their five children:

7th  
Gener- Frances Given Pinkowski, b. 9-25-1931  
ation: Lawrence Stanley " , b. 8-23-1932  
Catherine Hudson " , b. 10- 6-1934  
Edward " , b. 4- 3-1935  
Margaret Mary " , b. 10- 1-1939

No reports of any marriages of the five of the 7th generation.

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5th  
Gener- Pearl Mae McGee, the daughter of Charles H. and Addie  
ation: Frances (Ross) McGee. She married LeRoy Briddelle. No  
dates supplied. No children reported.

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5th  
Gener- Arthur Lee McGee, b. 11-24-1895, son of Charles H. and  
ation: Addie Frances (Ross) McGee. He married (1st) Elma Gandy,  
b. 10-26-1902. Their children:

6th  
Gener- Frances McGee, b. 5-23-1921. She was married 11-20-  
ation: 1939 to Albert Carson, b. 4-11-1918. Children:

7th  
Gener- Albert Douglas Carson Jr., b. 4-24-1941  
ation: Barbara Lee " , b. 1- 6-1945

6th  
Gener- Arthur Lee McGee Jr., son of Arthur Lee Sr. and Elma  
ation: Gandy McGee, was married to Iva Joyce Long. Their chil-  
dren:

7th  
Gener- Joyce Ann Long, born 5-17-1942; Barbara Lee McGee, b.  
ation: 1-6-1945.

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5th  
Gener- Arthur Lee McGee Sr., b. 11-24-1893, was married a sec-  
ation: ond time, his wife being the former Janet Cronhardt. Their  
children:

6th  
Gener- Michael David,-----and-----Patricia McGee  
ation: -----  
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5th                    Lee Roy McGee, b. 12-27-1897, son of Charles H. and  
Gener-                Addie Frances (Ross) McGee. He married (1st m.) Anna  
ation:                Lynch, daughter of Elihu Lynch of Georgetown, Delaware.

Lee Roy was married a second time on 4-24-1942 to  
Edith Fitzgerald McGill, b. 9-23-1894. He died 11-30-  
1955, about 58 years old. No children by either marriage.

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5th                    Gertrude Dashiell McGee, b. 5-21-1900----died 5-8-  
Gener-                1950, a daughter of Charles H. and Addie Frances (Ross)  
ation:                McGee. She married Keith Burgner on 12-16-1922. He was  
                      born 9-15-1895. Their child:

6th                    Shirley Keith Burgner, b. 3-15-1926, was married  
Gener-                9-22-1945, to Eugene Richard Baker, (known as Richard)  
ation:                b. 11-23-1921. They reside at White Pine, Tennessee,  
                      where Dr. Richard Baker is associated with the Allen-Baker  
                      Clinic and practices his profession at that location.  
                      Their children:

7th	Richard Douglas Baker, b. 8- 1-1949
Gener-	James Keith                "        , b. 8- 3-1950
ation:	Ellen Dashiell            "        , b. 3-22-1953
	John Burton              "        , b. 2-20-1956
	Eugene Bennett          "        , b. 7-27-1957

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5th                    Mabel Elizabeth McGee, b. 9-10-1904, the daughter of  
Gener-                Charles H. and Addie Frances (Ross) McGee. She was married  
ation:                1-14-1921 to Samuel Reed Chaffey, b. 9-12-1892. Their  
                      children:

6th                    Jeanne Elizabeth Chaffey, b. 1-18-1923. She was mar-  
Gener-                ried 5-2-1942 to Lloyd Mack Pusey, b. 6-23-1914. They had:  
ation:

7th                    Lloyd Warren Pusey, b. 11-8-1948----died in infancy.  
Gener-                Lloyd Mack Pusey, Jr., b. 12-17-1949  
ation:

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6th                    Ruth Elains Chaffey, b. 9-3-1927. She was married  
Gener-                1-14-1946 to Robert Lee Culver, b. 1-20-1922. Their chil-  
ation:                dren:

7th	Susan Elaine, b. 1-11-1947
Gener-	Robert Lee Jr., b. 10-20-1952
ation:	Richard Alan, b. 12- 8-1953
	Brian Douglas Culver, b. 1-2-1955-----d. 12-14-1957

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6th Samuel Reed Chaffey Jr., b. 6-13-1933, the youngest  
Gener- of four children of Samuel R. and Mabel Elizabeth (McGee)  
ation: Chaffey. He was married 2-14-1958 to Jeanne Patchett, b.  
5-8-1938. Their children:

7th First born died in infancy  
Gener- Samuel Reed Chaffey III, b. Oct. 1959  
ation:

5th Rhuben Thomas McGee, b. 11-6-1907, the youngest of  
Gener- eight children of Charles H. and Addie Frances (Ross)  
ation: McGee. He married Mary Brendemar, b. 12-6-1913. Their  
children:

6th Mary Ann McGee, b. 11-30-1944  
Gener- Rhuben Thomas McGee, Jr., b. 3-21-1946  
ation:

4th  
Gener-  
ation: Ella Megee-McGee, daughter of Levin J. and Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee. Ella was born in 1868 as reported, and as confirmed by the U. S. Census of 1870 listing her as 2 years old, in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. This lady did not marry. She lived a long life and witnessed great changes in the growth and progress of this Country. She reached "Journey's End" in 1959, approximately 91 years old.

4th                    Noah Wiltbank Megee-McGee, b. 4-5-1872 in Sussex  
Gener-    County, Delaware near Georgetown, the son of Levin J. and  
ation:    Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee. He was named for his  
uncle, Noah Wiltbank Megee, b. 1814, who was a prominent  
shipbuilder of Milton, Delaware from the mid-1840s until  
the late 1870s.

Noah W. II was about eleven years old when his parents moved from Sussex County to Somerset County, Maryland. He was married 11-17-1900 to Martha Butler, the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Taylor Butler, of near Pocomoke City, Maryland. They were married by Rev. Willis of Cokesbury (Maryland) Church. Their children:





5th	Russell R. McGee,	b. 10-16-1901,	Somerset County,	Maryland
Gener-	Hazel E.	, b. 10-30-1903,	"	"
ation:	Stella M.	, b. 4- 6-1906,	"	"
	Alberta E.	, b. 8- 3-1908,	"	"
	Noah W. Jr.	, b. 12-22-1910,	"	"
	Ruth Ann	, b. 2-19-1914,	"	"
	Edwin D.	, b. 8-23-1916,	"	"
	Levin J.	, b. 10-13-1918,	"	"
	William J.	, b. 6-23-1921,	"	"
	Fred A.	, b. 3-23-1926,	"	"

In early 1958 the writer received an inquiry from Robert F. (Bob) Jones concerning the family of Thomas Megee, b. 1786, of near Zoar Church, Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. As a result of subsequent exchanges a one-day trip was made by the writer, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Elsie (Megee) Bryan of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on Saturday, August 15, 1959, to call upon Noah W. II and his wife, Martha (Butler) McGee, the grandparents of the aforesaid Bob Jones.

Noah W. II and wife were living near the eastern edge of Pocomoke City, Maryland, the same location where they had resided for many years. He was going on 87 years and was very alert, erect, active and possessed of an excellent memory. This was a cordial, enjoyable and informative visit. He referred to his mother, Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee, and said that she was known as Elizabeth, the daughter of Zachariah Pride and wife of Sand Hill, between Georgetown and Milton, Delaware. He related several incidents of his early life, prior to his parents moving to Somerset County. He recalled that his uncle Noah W. Megee, (shipbuilder of Milton) gave him a young calf when he was almost eight years old.

The two hours were most enjoyably spent. They were a great couple, so pleasantly enjoying the "Golden years" of almost 58 years of "Bonded" partnership as of that date (1959). A very rewarding visit, which will always be treasured. A couple of flashlight pictures were snapped in their living room, which fortunately turned out well. Enroute out of Pocomoke City, a brief stop was made for the purpose of meeting Mrs. George Alma Jones (nee Ruth Ann McGee) during which time a picture was snapped of sister, Mrs. Elsie M. Bryan, and Mrs. Jones together.

The advice from Bob Jones that his grandfather, Noah W. McGee, had reached "Journey's End" on Sunday, May 15, 1960 was a distinct shock.

The Salisbury TIMES (Maryland) on May 17, 1960 carried an obituary notice of substantial length referring to Noah W. McGee's 60 years residence near Pocomoke City, the nine married children, 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Services by Rev. Collison of Goodwill Baptist Church,





and interment in Salem Methodist Cemetery, Pocomoke, Md. He was the last of a generation. It was a privilege to have had the opportunity to meet and visit with him and his good wife the previous August.

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5th                    Russell R. McGee, b. 10-16-1901-----died 7-3-1926.  
Gener- He died as the result of a railroad crossing collision  
ation: with a train, not too far distant from his home (that of  
his parents). He was about 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old and unmarried.

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5th                    Hazel E. McGee, b. 10-30-1903, was married to William  
Gener- Thomas Taylor in February 1922. Their three children:  
ation:

6th                    Frances Emily Taylor, b. 2-26-1924. She married John  
Gener- Francis Hickman, b. 1-12-1921. They were married on 1-6-  
ation: 1943 and reside in Salisbury, Maryland. Their children:

7th                    John Wayne Hickman, b. 8-18-1948  
Gener- Debra Ellen                    "                    , b. 4-23-1955  
ation:

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6th                    Phyllis June Taylor, b. 10-19-1930. She married  
Gener- Thomas Webb and they reside at Horntown, Virginia. Their  
ation: children:

7th                    Thomas Sidney Webb, b. 10- 1-1953  
Gener- David Parker                    "                    , b. 3-29-1959  
ation:

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6th                    Kenneth William Taylor, the youngest of three children  
Gener- of William T. and Hazel (McGee) Taylor, was born 2-27-1941.  
ation: Unmarried as of 1960.

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5th                    Stella M. McGee, b. 4-6-1906, was married to Hubert  
Gener- Taylor Thornhill, b. 1-21-1875. They were married 2-2-  
ation: 1934. Their home is in Lynchburg, Virginia. They have no  
children.

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5th                    Alberta E. McGee, b. 8-3-1908, was married 5-25-1933  
Gener- to Robert W. Rainey, b. 10-14-1906. The home of Dr.  
ation: Rainey, (DDS) and his wife Alberta is in North Wales, Penn-  
sylvania (near Philadelphia). Their two children:





6th                    Peggy Ann Rainey, b. 3-29-1934. She was married  
Gener- 12-28-1957 to David R. Lecrone, b. 9-12-1933. Their two  
ation: children:

7th                    Donald Curtis Lecrone, b. 3-27-1959  
Gener- Ellen                    "                    , b. 3-17-1961  
ation:

6th                    Robert (Bobby) Lynn Rainey, b. 4-11-1942, the second  
Gener- of Dr. R. W. and Alberta (McGee) Rainey's children. Un-  
ation: married, in 1960.

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5th                    Noah Wiltbank McGee Jr., b. 12-22-1910. He was mar-  
Gener- ried 3-23-1929 to Ethel Mae Berry, b. 1-21-1910. They re-  
ation: side in Pocomoke City, Maryland and have one child:

6th                    Lou Ella McGee, b. 4-27-1930. She was married 2-26-  
Gener- 1950 to Winston Otis Henderson, b. 6-15-1931. They live  
ation: in Pocomoke City and have two daughters:

7th                    Nancy Lou, b. 7-25-1955  
Gener- Susan Leigh b. 3-3 -1958  
ation:

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5th                    Ruth Ann McGee, b. 2-19-1914, was married to George  
Gener- Alma Jones, b. 4-28-1911. They resided in Stockton, Mary-  
ation: land for several years but, in early 1961, moved to Snow  
Hill, Maryland. Their seven children:

6th                    George Alma Jones, Jr., b. 2-26-1933. He married  
Gener- Helen Potter and reside in West Hyattsville, Maryland. As  
ation: of early 1961 they had one son:

7th                    Russell George Jones, b. 5-5-1960  
Gener-  
ation:

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6th                    Ruth Ann Jones, b. 7-8-1934. She married Jerry  
Gener- Lawrence Overbeck, a native of Texas, b. 11-29-1933. They  
ation: live in Houston, Texas, and as of early 1961 had four chil-  
dren, namely:

7th                    Michael Lawrence, b. 4-17-1955  
Gener- Steven Richard,        b. 4-10-1956  
ation: David Allen,            b. 8-27-1958  
Susan Carol,            b. 12-4-1960

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6th                    Elizabeth Estelle Jones, b. 4-6-1937, married Robert  
Gener- Lee Nelson 5-27-1961 and they reside in New York City, N. Y.  
ation:

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6th Robert (Bob) Franklin Jones, b. 10-7-1937. Unmarried  
Gener- early 1961.  
ation:

6th Dale McGee Jones, b. 12-10-1939. Unmarried as of  
Gener- early 1961.  
ation:

6th Linda Ellen Jones, b. 12-12-1941, and unmarried early  
Gener- 1961.  
ation:

6th Robin Ghee Jones, b. 1-16-1959, Washington, D. C.,  
Gener- lawfully adopted by George A. and Ruth Ann (McGee) Jones,  
ation: of Snow Hill, Maryland, in December 1961.

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5th Edwin J. McGee, b. 8-23-1916, was married 3-28-1937  
Gener- to Evelyn Lena Willey, b. 4-4-1919. They reside in Pocomo-  
ation: ke City, Maryland and have four children:

6th Edwin Byron McGee, b. 5-19-1938. He was married  
Gener- 10-16-1960 to Joyce Ann Nock, b. 4-1-1942.  
ation:

6th Russell Thomas McGee, b. 6-18-1944  
Gener- Richard Harley McGee, b. 3-27-1952  
ation: Evelyn Gladys McGee, b. 8-30-1955

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5th Levin Joshua McGee, b. 10-13-1918, married June Wilker-  
Gener- son, (b. 6-1-1924) ---- on July 6, 1941. They reside in  
ation: Pocomoke City, Maryland and have three children:

6th Robert William McGee, b. 10-11-1942  
Gener- Martha Blanche McGee, b. 5-12-1951  
ation: David Levin McGee, b. 2-25-1953

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5th William J. McGee, b. 6-21-1921, married (1st) Bridget  
Gener- Grace Pagano. Their child:  
ation:

6th Mary Elizabeth McGee, born 8-15-1953  
Gener-  
ation:

5th William J. McGee was married a second time on 9-15-  
Gener- 1957, his wife being the former Grace Marie Long, b. 7-31-  
ation: 1937. They have no children as of 1961 and live in Pocomo-  
ke City, Maryland.

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5th                    Frederick Richard McGee, b. 3-23-1926, the youngest  
Gener- of ten children of Noah W. Megee-McGee and his wife,  
ation: Martha (Butler) McGee. He was married on 2-26-1949 to  
Virginia Silvia Niblett, b. 10-24-1928. They live at  
Whaleyville, Worcester County, Maryland and have three  
children:

6th                    Selby Allen      b. 2- 7-1950  
Gener-                Teresa Lynn     b. 5-12-1955  
ation:                Patricia Ann, b. 7-13-1958

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4th                    Lydia Ellen Megee-McGee, b. 3-9-1874----died 11-27-  
Gener- 1952, aged about 78 years and seven months. She was mar-  
ation: ried 11-12-1899 to Walsie James Martin of the Pocomoke  
City area of Somerset County, Maryland. He was born 6-21-  
1874 and died 7-10-1938, aged 64 years. Their nine chil-  
dren:

5th                    Edwin Bryan Martin, b. 11- 1-1900  
Gener-                Mary Elizabeth    " , b. 9- 5-1902  
ation:                Mildred Mae      " , b. 5-17-1904  
                        Clifford Earl     " , b. 3-28-1906  
                        Helen Louise     " , b. 3-25-1908  
                        Hilda Grace      " , b. 9- 7-1910  
                        Milton Martin    " , b. 9- 3-1913---d. in infancy  
                        Bernice Marie    " , b. 4-11-1915  
                        Walter James     " , b. 8-23-1917

5th                    Edwin Bryan Martin was married 12-26-1936 to Vivian  
Gener- Mariner. They had one child, Nancy Ellen, b. 5-26-1943---  
ation: died in infancy.

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5th                    Mary Elizabeth Martin was married to Owen Melvin and  
Gener- they had two children:  
ation:

6th                    Elizabeth Melvin, b. 8-21-1926. She married William  
Gener- Jackson and they have three children:  
ation:

7th                    Eliza, b. 5-27-1949; Melvin Jackson, b. 2-14-1953;  
Gener- Stanley Jackson, b. 1-27-1958  
ation:

6th                    Charles Owen Melvin, the younger of the two children  
Gener- of Owen and Mary Elizabeth (Martin) Melvin. He married  
ation: Raena Snellgrose and they have two children:





7th  
Gener- Charles Owen Melvin Jr., b. 1-11-1955, and Linda  
ation: Melvin, b. 10-6-1959.

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5th  
Gener- Mildred Mae Martin, b. 5-17-1904----died 1960, aged  
ation: about 56 years. She married Fred G. Hill 12-16-1922.  
Their four children were:

6th  
Gener- Frederick D. Hill, b. 12-14-1925. He married Ruth  
ation: Knight and they have two children:

7th  
Gener- Ellen Gaye, b. 6-18-1947; Sandra Kay, b. 6-15-1955  
ation:

6th  
Gener- Robert Hill, b. 4-14-1928. He married Kitty Mae Bull  
ation: and they have two children, namely:

7th  
Gener- Mark Steven Hill, b. 10-14-1956; Patricia Mae, b.  
ation: 6-23-1959

6th  
Gener- Mildred Mae Hill, b. 8-16-1935. She married Brooks  
ation: Linton. No children as of 1960.

6th  
Gener- Gail Lynn Hill, the youngest of four children of Fred  
ation: G. and Mildred Mae (Martin) Hill, b. 5-18-1947. Unmarried  
as of 1960.

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5th  
Gener- Clifford Earl Martin, b. 3-28-1906, and married Hazel  
ation: Sparrow. Their three children:

6th  
Gener- Clifford Earl Jr., b. 6-11-1929,----died in his youth.  
ation: Elaine Martin, b. 2-5-1933. She married Royce Culver and  
they have one child, Belinda Ann, b. 10-24-1952, who would  
be the 7th generation.

6th  
Gener- Mary Faye Martin, b. December 1938. She married  
ation: Thomas Grisby in 1957. They have one child, Carla Faye  
Grisby, born 2-17-1958, who would be the 7th generation.

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5th  
Gener- Helen Louise Martin, b. 3-23-1908. She married an  
ation: Atkinson and they have two children:





6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Norma Faye Atkinson, b. 3-1-1941  
Ellen Wendy Atkinson, b. 6-3-1949

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5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Hilda Grace Martin, b. 9-7-1910. She married L. Gordy Young, a farmer and poultry grower, immediately North of the Pocomoke river, about one mile East of the bridge over the river in Pocomoke City, Maryland. Home beautifully located right on the North bank of said river. Their two children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Lewis Gordy Young Jr., b. 11-23-1933, ----died 11-26-1933. Carolyn Sue Young, b. 2-18-1942. She is a senior (Autumn of 1963) in the Maryland State Teachers College, at Salisbury, Maryland.

The writer had the privilege of spending a brief time with the L. Gordy Young's (including Carolyn Sue) on August 29, 1963.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Milton Martin, b. 9-3-1913, and died in infancy.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Bernice Marie Martin, b. 4-11-1915. She married Derrickson Parsons and they have two children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

Richard Derrickson Parsons, b. 11-28-1941  
Suzanne " , b. 1-20-1947

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5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Walter James Martin, b. 4-11-1917, the youngest of nine children of Lydia Ellen (McGee) Martin and her husband Walsie James Martin. He married Rose Smith and they have one child.

6th  
Gener-  
ation:

James Walter Martin, b. 5-30-1949.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation:

Edward Roland Megee-McGee, b. 9-6-1880, the youngest of nine adult children of Levin James (3rd m.) and his wife Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee. Edward Roland married Edith Adalight Peacock, b. 1-1-1888. Their six children:

5th  
Gener-  
ation:

Elsie Louise McGee	b. 10- 2-1909	
Albert Francis	" b. 7- 2-1911	} Twins
Agnes Elizabeth	" b. 7- 2-1911	
Edward Roland Jr.	" b. 7-24-1913	
Elwood Winston	" b. 12- 4-1918	
Audrey Beatrice	" b. 12-21-1920	



Edward R. was a farmer located on the North side of the Pocomoke river, and about one and one-half miles Northeast of the main bridge over said river in Pocomoke City, Maryland, not too far distant from the farm location of his brother Noah W.

Edward R. reached "Journey's End" 5-28-1950, aged 69 years 8 months and 22 days. Interment in Salem Cemetery about one and one-quarter miles South of the bridge over the river in Pocomoke City. This is the same Cemetery where Noah W. and sisters, Ella, Emma Stroud and Lydia Martin (in separate lots) are "At Rest".

His widow Edith A. (Peacock) McGee, has continued to reside on the home farm premises, with Misses Elsie L. and Agnes E. and Albert F. They operate a very substantial broiler business. The writer had the privilege of spending a short time at their home on August 29, 1963.

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5th                    Elsie L. and the twins Albert F. and Agnes E. are un-  
Gener- married as of 1962 and operate the broiler business and  
ation: related farm products.

5th                    Edward Roland Jr. and Elwood Winston McGee were fatal  
Gener- victims of a tragic railroad crossing accident on July 3,  
ation: 1926, not too far distant from their home, along with  
their older cousin, Russell R. McGee, son of Noah W. and  
Martha (Butler) McGee.

5th                    Audrey Beatrice McGee, b. 12-21-1920, the youngest of  
Gener- six children, was married on 12-31-1939, to Harvey Roy  
ation: Thornton, b. 10-6-1918. Their four children:

6th	Edward Leroy Thornton, b.	9-21-1941
Gener-	Harlan Wade            "	, b. 12-17-1945
ation:	Betsy Jean               "	, b. 7-18-1948
	Carol Sue                "	, b. 2- 4-1951

Harvey Roy Thornton is a farmer and lives near Temperanceville, Accomac County, Virginia.

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S U M M A R Y  
of  
LEVIN JAMES MEGEE-McGEE, 1825-----1898

The sixth of eight adult children of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, (both born in 1786 and both died in 1857) in the Zoar-Springfield Cross-roads area of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware.

Levin J. was married three times, namely, 1847----1851----and 1853. See narrative for Levin J. under third generation.

Children: Total of ----- 12, of whom 11 reached adult age and ten were married.

The three wives and all of the 12 children were born within a relatively small radius---Zoar Cross-roads and Church on the South to Sand Hill on the North with the County seat of Georgetown, Delaware, about mid-way of that distance.

4th Generation: The ten (10) children, who married had a total of 60 children, of whom 51 reached adult age. These were grandchildren of Levin J.

Among the 10 children of Levin J.'s and 51 adult grandchildren, there were four couples who were privileged to have more than 50 years partnership with those of their choice, therefore members of that reasonably exclusive group termed, THE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CLUB; See pages 316 to 319 for a summary of the membership.

There may be others of Levin J.'s children and grandchildren who may be eligible for this list, as there are some incomplete records of marriages and deaths.

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4th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles H. Megee, b. about 1866, based upon the U.S. Census reports for 1870 and 1880, at which times he was listed under William T. and Rhoda (Palmer) Megee, as being 4 years and 14 years old respectively. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware shows this item:---"Charles H. and Annie E. West, 3-22-1887". At that time the said Charles H. was approximately 21 years of age.

Charles H. was "Summoned Home" 8-17-1888, about 17 months after his marriage, and left no children. Letters of Administration were granted to Samuel J. Wilson, 8-20-1888.

Sussex County Orphans Court BK.-AL-39, p. 560, -1889 "Charles H. Megee, deceased---left widow, Annie E. and no children--mentions William T. Megee, father of the deceased---said widow's dower laid off by Court."

The record shows that she received 27 acres on one side of the road, leaving 38 acres remaining on the other side of the road and being that portion of the land willed by Thomas Megee in 1857,-----"Unto my son William T. Megee all the land I purchased from William Atkins and Patience Walls, etc."

It is possible William T. and his wife, Rhode (Palmer) Megee, may have deeded portion of the land he inherited to said Charles H. on his 21st birthday, or as a wedding gift in 1887, and that when he died intestate, at the age of perhaps slightly over 22 years of age, his wife, who may,---or may not, have been 21 years of age, was rightly entitled to a widow's dower from the estate of her late husband.

The pencil sketch of the plot of land awarded the widow shows there was a house on the 27 acres, which could have been the residence of the late Charles H. and his wife Anna E. (West) Megee, during their marriage of almost 17 months.

As earlier stated under the narrative of WILLIAM T. MEGEE,--THIRD generation, Rhoda S. (Palmer) Megee mother of Charles H. reached "Journey's End" in February 1889, or about 7 months after the death of son Charles. Perhaps her death preceded the Orphans Court award to the widow of dower rights in the 27 acres aforementioned. Alfred P. Pepper was granted letters by Court as Administrator for the said Rhoda's estate on 2-20-1889.

William T., b. late 1827 or early 1828 (father of Charles H.), continued to live in the same area until "Called Home" in December 1905, aged about 78 years. He was the last survivor of the eight adult children of Thomas and Elon





(Joseph) Megee born between early 1813 and 1829 inclusive. He is believed to have been buried in the Thomas Megee burial ground on the East side of the public highway, Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill, and about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads, but there is no marker.

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4th                    David Cornelius Megee, b. 9-24-1848, son of Mary Megee  
Gener-                    and grandson of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee. The Mar-  
ation:                    riage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware has this  
                          item:-----"David C. McGee and Louise E. Polite, 10-22-1870".

The U. S. Census for 1880, Indian River Hundred, reads in part: "6-10-1880,

David C. McGee,	----	age 31, Farmer
Louise E.        "	----	" 25, (Wife)
Thomas E.       "	----	" 6, son--(Est'd birth 1874)
Clara M.        "	----	" 4, dau (        "        1876)"

David Cornelius is named in the Will of his grandfather Thomas Megee, which was probated in August 1857, ---"Unto my daughter Mary Megee,\*\*\*\*\* the home farm on which I now reside for her natural life and at her decease to her son David Cornelius to him and assigns forever."

David C. was listed at home with his mother on the U.S. Census of 1870----and as a witness to the application of his uncle John W. Megee, in 1890, for a pension by reason of service in the Union Army in the War between the States--he signed a deed, along with his mother, 12-11-1890 (see THIRD generation for Mary Megee). He and his wife Louise E. were residing in Georgetown, Delaware at the time of the signing of the deed in December 1890.

Louise E. (Polite) was most likely from the St. John's Cross-roads and Zoar area. There is a headstone in St. John's Cemetery for a Mrs. Mary Polite, whose date of birth and death would indicate that she could have been the mother, or at least related.

David C. and Louise E. (Polite) Megee apparently moved from Georgetown to Philadelphia, perhaps following the loss of his mother. The Thomas Megee homestead farm, which David heired upon the death of his mother, was sold in September 1895, as evidenced by Deed of record, to Joseph T. Adams, and was listed as containing 170 acres more or less. At that time David C. and his wife Louise E., in signing the deed, listed their address on Jackson Street, (in the Frankford area) of Philadelphia.

The farm was later sold by Mr. Adams to Josiah Wilson, who in turn sold it to a Mr. Blizzard, who later willed it to his son, John T. Blizzard, the current owner in 1961.





David C. was listed at Jackson Street and two other nearby addresses until the year of 1907. No further data with reference to this family, despite inquiries, until Saturday, August 19, 1961, when the writer happened to be in Union Cemetery at Georgetown, Delaware and ran across a burial lot during the accidental viewing of headstones, and the following records were copied from the headstones:

Under one good average size joint marker: David C. Magee, b. 9-24-1848----died 3-7-1910. Louise E. Magee, b. 10-12-1854,----died 3-24-1916. Also a small headstone, with the following inscription but with no dates:

Children of David C.  
and Louise E. Magee  
Clara M.      and      Harry W.

A small single headstone next to the mother for:

David B. Megee, born 1881-----died 1901

Contact with the Secretary-Treasurer of Union Cemetery revealed this well preserved lot was No. 45-E. Further search showed that Clara M. was buried there 8-9-1899. The records confirmed the data on the headstone for David C. and his wife Louise E. also for David B. The Secretary said that while the headstone listed Harry W., there was no record of his burial. Further that in view of the stringent requirement that a record of burial must be furnished for each person interred, that he felt positive that said Harry W. was not actually buried in that lot.

Based upon the above information David C. and his wife Louise E. (Polite) Megee were each about 61½ years old; Clara M. about 23 years and David B. about 20 years.

One might speculate that while living in Georgetown in the early 1890s or late 1880s that Thomas E. listed on the 1880 U. S. Census as being 6 years old, or born about 1874, may have been "Called Home" and buried in the Thomas Megee burial ground. Lot 45-E may have acquired after David and Louise E. moved to Philadelphia around 1894--1895. Both Clara (d. 1899) and David B. (d. 1901), were "Summoned Home" while the family was living in Philadelphia, and brought to Georgetown for interment.

David C. (b. 1848) was a carpenter by trade. The last verified year of residence in Philadelphia was in 1906. One might again speculate that the heavy depression of 1907 had such an adverse effect on construction that perhaps David C. and his wife decided to return to Sussex County. Their children unfortunately had been "Called Home" prior to or around the turn of the century. No effort has been expended to develop where the two of them resided between early 1907 and their reaching "Journey's End".





George M. Simpler, b. about 1862, based upon U. S. Census for 1870, son of James B. and Mary (Megee) Simpler. He is reported to have died in 1926 aged about 64 years. The records show two marriages, namely, ---to Mary E. Hobbs on 11-23-1882 by Rev. J. L. McKim; The second one to Mary E. Lathbury, on 6-27-1893 by Rev. A. D. Davis. No children by either marriage so far as known. One source advised that when he was a relatively young man that said George M. Simpler pointed to three of the rived shingles on the end of the old THOMAS MEGEE HOMESTEAD showing the initials "G. M. S." carved there and said that he had used his pocket knife to carve those letters, (one per shingle) and that he also said that he (said George M.) was reared in that "old farmhouse". The writer saw these carved letters in 1960. Another source said that George M. Simpler was buried in the THOMAS MEGEE burial ground, in 1926. There is no marker for him.

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S U M M A R Y  
M E M O R A N D U M

1st                   The first proven progenitor and generation of the  
Gener-           writer's family in Sussex County (as constituted prior to  
ation:           April 1775) Delaware, was JOHN AND HIS WIFE ANN MEGEE.  
                  Their adult children were:

2nd                   Rebecca-----William-----Peter-----John Jr.,-----Anna  
Gener-           Thomas-----Elizabeth-----Moses, b. 1789.  
ation:

Rebecca died a singlewoman. Peter, John R. and Moses left no children.

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WILLIAM b. 9-30-1775, had three sons by first marriage. Only one reached adult age so far as proven records show, that being Moses b. 2-21-1819.

William, by his second marriage in 1821, left seven children as reported by what appears to have been a very reliable source. However, proven records located for only five as reaching adult age, namely----John R.----Naomi----Anna Nancy----Arthur L. (Orter)----and Isaac. W.

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ANNA, b. about 1783, married William Thoroughgood in 1805. They had two children, namely; ---- John and William N.

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THOMAS, b. 1786, married Elon Joseph, and left eight adult children, namely; ---- John W.----Noah W.----Thomas P.----Peter (b. 1818)----Levin J.----Elizabeth----William T.----and Mary.

The first and second generations remained close to the home area of Zoar Cross-roads, the only known exception being William b. 1775 and his second wife moving to lower Baltimore Hundred in 1822 or very early 1823. They were principally "tillers of the soil".

The third generation began to spread to some small extent. Three served in the War between the States. One became a shipbuilder; another owned and operated three water powered grist mills; another was a Wheelwright, etc.

The fourth generation produced six ocean sailing sea Captains; A Chief Engineer of tugboats; A founder of an Artesian Well Industry which is currently operated by the sixth generation; Saw mill operators; A founder of a small chain of Gasoline Service Stations, currently operated by fifth generation. There may have been a few more with





diversified interests, but for the most part they were still engaged in agricultural pursuits.

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A feature that has attracted attention has been the number who have become members of the GOLDEN WEDDING ANNI-VERSARY CLUB.





S U M M A R Y  
of  
50th Anniversaries

1st                    JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Delaware.  
Gener-            Thence their son William, b. 1775, thence Moses, b. 1819,  
ation:            and to Captain John R. Megee, fourth generation.

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5th                    Blanche Megee, b. 11-3-1881, daughter of Captain John  
Gener-            R. and Lydia (Carpenter) Megee of Milton, Delaware. She  
ation:            married R. Newton Forman 6-15-1904. They celebrated their  
50th Anniversary 6-15-1954, at Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.  
Blanche was "Called Home" 5-17-1960.

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5th                    Ethel Megee, b. 11-13-1895, daughter of Thomas P. and  
Gener-            Laura (Truitt) Megee, and a granddaughter of Moses and  
ation:            Mary C. (Salmans) Megee. She married John E. Joseph on  
1-23-1910. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary at  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on 1-23-1960. Ethel was "Called  
Home" in August 1961.

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5th                    Caleb R. Megee, b. 12-7-1888, a son of Alfred H. and  
Gener-            Elva N. (Rash) Megee, and a grandson of Moses and Mary C.  
ation:            (Salmans) Megee. He married Lydia S. Dockety, on 9-29-1913.  
They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Saturday 9-28-1963  
with a delightful party from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Shore-  
ham Hotel, Washington, D. C. sponsored by their three daugh-  
ters, and attended by near relatives and friends.

P. S. The unforeseen delay in late July and first half of  
August, in the finalized typing for production was sufficient  
to chronicle the above item in this summary, even though  
too late to include under the narrative of Alfred H. Megee  
and descendants in the first section of this concluded  
project. (added 10-2-1963.)

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By descendants of William Megee's second marriage in 1821.

4th                    John Edward Megee Sr., b. 1-28-1852, grandson of  
Gener-            William and Mary Megee. He married Alice K. Derrickson  
ation:            9-17-1874. Their 50th Anniversary was 9-17-1924. He was  
"Summoned Home" in 1929, and his widow in 1949.

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4th Margaret Jeannette Megee, b. 2-9-1868, daughter of  
 Gener- John R. and Mary Jane (Steele) of Baltimore Hundred and  
 ation: granddaughter of William and Mary Megee. She married  
 Thomas Long in either 1888 or 1889. Their 50th Anniver-  
 sary was not later than 1939. She reached "Journey's  
 End" in 1941 and her husband shortly thereafter.

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5th LeRoy Megee, b. 10-28-1877, a son of Nathaniel and  
 Gener- Cora (Steele) Megee, a great grandson of William, (b. 1775)  
 ation: and Mary his second wife. LeRoy married Mattie Derrickson  
 on 9-30-1902. They had their 50th Anniversary in 1952.  
 He reached "Journey's End" 6-26-1956, at Millville, Delaware.

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5th Hettie Megee, b. 10-20-1881, daughter of Nathaniel  
 Gener- and Cora (Steele) Megee, and a great granddaughter of  
 ation: William and Mary Megee. She married William Barnett in  
 April 1904. Their 50th Anniversary was in April 1954,  
 celebrated with an "Open House" at their home in Ocean  
 View, Delaware.

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4th Louise H. Magee, b. 3-25-1863, a daughter of Arthur L.  
 Gener- and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee, and a granddaughter of William  
 ation: (b. 1775) and Mary Megee. She married Rufus Hastings in  
 1882 or 1883. Their 50th Anniversary was not later than  
 1933. She reached "Journey's End" 7-13-1938.

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4th Frank Asbury Magee, b. 10-18-1875, a son of Arthur L.  
 Gener- and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee, and a grandson of William  
 ation: (b. 1775) and Mary Megee. Frank A. was married 3-22-1898,  
 to Eva K. Bunting. Their 50th Anniversary was in March  
 1948. He was "Called Home" 7-13-1959, and was survived  
 by his wife, who resides in Berlin, Maryland, (as of 1963).

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4th Frederick E. Magee, b. 9-12-1877, a son of Arthur L.  
 Gener- and Laura A. (Tubbs) Magee, and a grandson, (the last sur-  
 ation: viving grandchild) of William, (b. 9-30-1775) and Mary  
 Megee. Fred married Hallie E. Collins, of upper Worcester  
 County, Maryland on 3-3-1902. Their 50th Anniversary was  
 celebrated with a vacation to Fort Pierce, Florida in March  
 1952. She reached "Journey's End" 7-9-1961. Fred E. con-  
 tinues to live at the family homestead, at Williamsville,  
 Sussex County, Delaware, and was 86 years old September 12,  
 1963.

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By descendants of Thomas Megee, b. 1786-----d. 1857.

5th  
Gener-      Lura Rust, b. 8-5-1880, daughter of Letty Jane (Megee)  
ation:      Rust and William T. Rust of Zoar Cross-roads area. Lura  
is a granddaughter of John W. Megee, b. 1813, and a great  
great granddaughter of Thomas (b. 1786) and Elon (Joseph)  
Megee. She married Alfred Rogers on 9-3-1895. Their 50th  
Anniversary was 9-3-1945. Alfred Rogers died in 1953.  
Lura (Rust) Rogers survives and is living with one of her  
daughters near Omar, Delaware.

5th  
Gener-      Florence Clifton Megee, b. 9-23-1883, a daughter of  
ation:      Captain Charles T. and Cecilia (Clifton) Megee, a grand-  
daughter of Noah W. and Patience (Kellam) Megee, and a  
great granddaughter of Thomas, (b. 1786) and Elon (Joseph)  
Megee. She married Ward Casaday Henry of Iowa on 12-19-  
1908. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary 12-19-1958.  
Ward C. Henry, a Lieut. Col. in World War I, and a well  
established Attorney-at-law, in Philadelphia, for many years  
reached "Journey's End" in late July 1963. Florence has  
since located herself at Lewes, Delaware. (10-2-1963).

By descendants of Levin J. Megee-McGee, b. 1825---d. 1898.

4th  
Gener-      George E. Megee, b. 1855, a son of Levin J. and Mary  
ation:      Elizabeth (Pride) Megee, a grandson of Thomas and Elon  
(Joseph) Megee. The Marriage File in the State Hall of  
Records at Dover shows, "George E. Magee and Georgieanna  
Dickerson, 12-7-1878". They celebrated their 50th Anni-  
versary on 12-7-1928. They lived near and within the town  
Georgetown, Delaware. He reached "Journey's End" 11-29-  
1939 and she followed on 3-24-1943. Their married partner-  
ship exceeded 60 years.

4th  
Gener-      Charles H. Megee-McGee, b. about 1864, a son of Levin  
ation:      J. and Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee, a grandson of  
Thomas, (b. 1786) and Elon (Joseph) Megee, of Indian River  
Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. He married Addie Frances  
Ross on 6-5-1884. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary  
6-5-1934. He reached "Journey's End" in 1938.

4th  
Gener-      Noah Wiltbank Megee-McGee, b. 4-5-1872, a son of Levin  
ation:      J. and Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee, a grandson of  
Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee of near Zoar Cross-roads,  
Indian River Hundred, Delaware. He married Martha Butler  
of Somerset County, Maryland, on 11-17-1900. They cele-  
brated their 50th Anniversary 11-17-1950, near Pocomoke  
City, Maryland. He was "Summoned Home" 5-15-1960, aged 88





years. Their married partnership exceeded 59 years. The Salisbury Times (Maryland) carried a substantial length report of Noah W. McGee's 60 years residence near Pocomoke City, the nine married children, 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. It was a privilege to have met and visited with this wonderful couple in August 1959.

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5th  
Gener- Elizabeth Ellen Magee, b. 12-11-1884, a daughter of  
ation: William J. and Catherine Ella (Fleetwood) Magee. (Note--  
this family seems to have used the spelling of Magee for  
their name, at least from date of marriage which is listed  
in the Archives at Dover, Delaware, as---"William J. Magee  
and Ella Fleetwood, 9-24-1882, by Rev. P. H. Rawlins."  
Said Elizabeth Ellen Magee married Samuel West 4-8-1902.  
Their 50th Anniversary 4-8-1952. He was "Called Home"  
8-7-1952, aged about 76 years 11 months. The widow Eliza-  
beth Ellen (Magee) West has continued to reside in Lewes,  
Delaware (as of mid-1963).

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There may be one or more couples who became members of this not too overcrowded group, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, however, no additional names with verified data have been supplied.

This marks the close of the FAMILY TREE PROJECT of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, and their descendants to the 1961--1962--1963 period of time, except for the pages of pictures which immediately follow.

NOTE: See APPENDIX "A" for all available data regarding proven ancestors of JOHN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Delaware, together with such related descendants as were located concurrently with the research of records pertinent to said JOHN MEGEE.

APPENDICES "B" --- "C" --- and "D" are self-explanatory and their inclusion seems to the writer, to make for more completeness. The cooperation of those named in supplying material in these three APPENDICES is much appreciated. They may be of distinct value in any potential future research of these branches.

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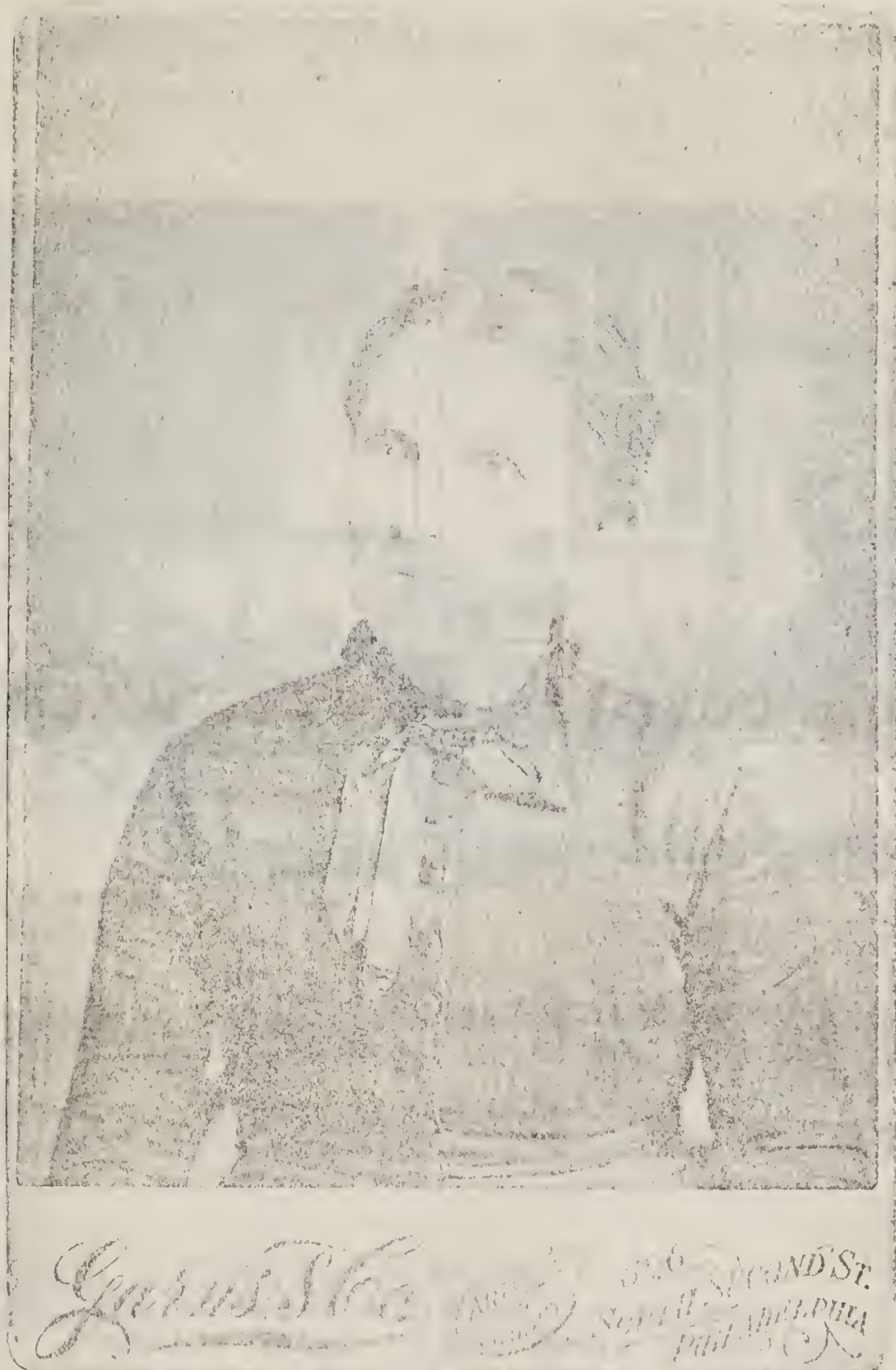




MOSES MEGEE, b. 2-21-1819 ----- d. 7-7-1888,  
 son of William Meghee, b. 9-30-1775, and grand-  
 son of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred,  
 Delaware. See narrative for Moses, b. 1819 on  
 pages 57 to 64, of third generation.



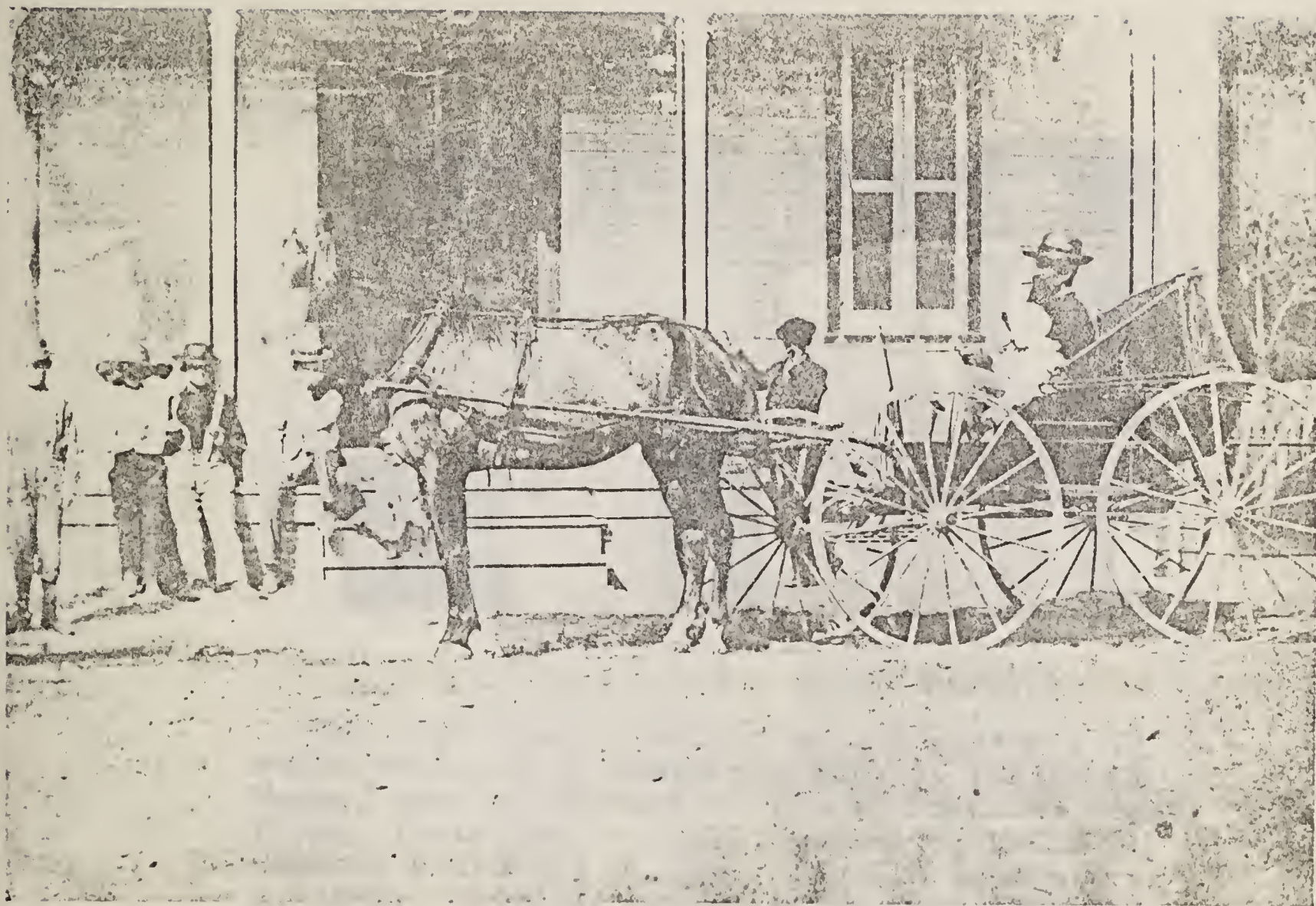




Mrs. Moses Meggee, (nee Mary Caroline Salmans)  
 b. 6-27-1831 ----- d. 3-13-1891, daughter of  
 John S. Salmans of the Zoar Cross-roads area.  
 These two photographs were taken on South Water  
 Street, Philadelphia, (Nos. 1 and 2). It is be-  
 lieved they were taken in the early 1880s.







Captain William Henry Megee, b. 1848 -----  
d. 1909, son of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans)  
Megee. Probably taken in the early 1880s near  
their Milton home. A good likeness of Captain  
William H. and the child is reported as being  
his only adult daughter, Mary Elizabeth, (known  
as Bessie). See narrative on pages 110 to 131  
of fourth generation.







The last four survivors of the eleven (11) adult children of Moses and Mary C. (Salmans) Megee, namely; Elenora W. (known as Ella) Megee, Bryan, Pettyjohn, b. 1873; Alfred H., b. 1865; Captain Caleb R., b. 1861; Captain George E., b. 1858; This picture taken in 1926, at the farmhouse of Alfred H. and family, immediately South of Harbeson, Delaware, during the last visit to his native State by Captain Caleb R. of Galveston, Texas, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Harry K. Brill, (nee Gladys Una Megee). See narratives on pages 143 to 145; 146 to 152; 153 to 169; and 178 to 179 inclusive, of fourth generation.







ALFRED H. and ELVA N. (RASH) MEGEE, in the 1920s, at the farmyard of Arthur Pettyjohn homestead. See narrative for ALFRED H. b. 1865, son of Moses, b. 1819, on pages 153 to 157 of fourth generation.







Caleb R. (b. 1888) and Lydia (Dockety) Megee,  
son of Alfred H. and Elva N. (Rash) Megee, and a  
great, great grandson of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of  
Indian River Hundred, Delaware. See narrative  
on pages 157 to 159 inclusive, fourth generation  
(Alfred H. Megee) and descendants.





LEVIN JAMES MEGEE-McGEE, b. 1825, near Zoar Cross-roads and Church, son of Thomas, b. 1786 and Elon (Joseph) Megee, and grandson of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Delaware. These two photos. (Nos. 7 and 8) by courtesy of Mrs. L. Gordy Young, of near Pocomoke City, Maryland, in August 1963, whose parents were Walsie J. and Lydia Ellen (McGee) Martin. (See fourth generation pages.)







Mrs. Levin James Megee-McGee, (nee Mary Elizabeth Pride), b. 1831, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Pride of the Sand Hill area, between Georgetown and Milton, Delaware. These two pictures are believed to have been taken about 1875 to 1880. See narrative for Levin J. on pages 95 and 96 of third generation and fourth generation for their children and descendants.







NOAH W. MEGEE-McGEE, b. 1872, son of Levin J. and Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee, and great grandson of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, with his wife Martha (Butler) McGee, at the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November 1950. They celebrated their 59th Anniversary in November 1959. Use of this photo by courtesy of Mrs. William T. Taylor, (nee Hazel E. McGee) daughter of Noah W. and Martha B. McGee.





Noah W. and his wife, Martha (Butler) McGee, of near Pocomoke City, Maryland, during a stop at the old Thomas Megee burying ground, about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads and Church, on the East side of the public highway Millsboro to Milton, via Gravelly Hill. This plot of hallowed ground, was deeded by Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee, to their eight children, in 1853, to be used as a "burying ground", said deed filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in Georgetown, Delaware. This photo by the courtesy of Miss Elsie L. McGee, of near Pocomoke City, Maryland, a daughter of Edward Roland and Edith A. McGee, a niece of Noah W. (b. 1872) and a great granddaughter of Thomas Megee, b. 1786.

Miss Elsie L. McGee advises that this snapshot was taken by her on the 82nd birthday of her uncle Noah W. on April 5, 1954





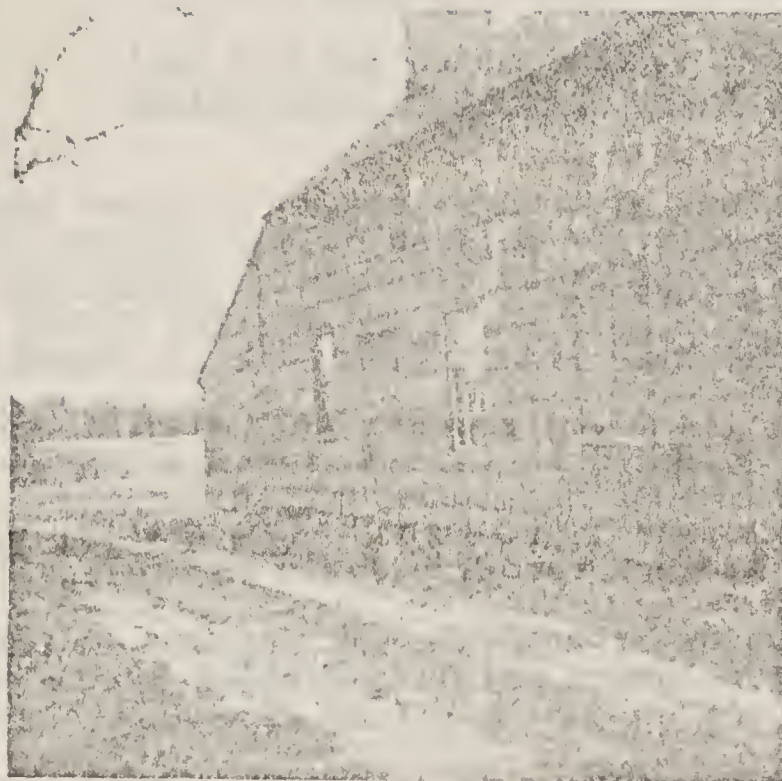


By courtesy of Miss Elsie L. McGee of near Pocomoke City, Maryland, a snapshot by her on 4-5-1954 of the old Thomas Megee, (b. 1786 ---- d. 1857) homestead on the public highway Millsboro to Milton, about one-half mile North of Zoar Cross-roads and Church. She accompanied her Uncle Noah W. and Aunt Martha McGee on a visit to some of the scenes of his early youth prior to his father, Levin J. and wife Mary Elizabeth (Pride) Megee-McGee moving to Somerset County, Maryland, in 1883.

This old house estimated to have been built about 1820. Rived shingles were used on the sides, (in lieu of siding as known today) as well as on the roof. It consisted of four rooms down, and four bedrooms on the second floor. It has long since been replaced by a commodious modern farmhouse nearby, and is being used currently as storage for farm implements and other pertinent materials. This is a view of the West end, (including the exterior view of the brick fireplace) and a portion of the North side of the house.







A snapshot by the writer in November 1960 of the North side of the old Thomas Megee homestead, reported upon under the previous picture. It will be noted there are three entrances namely; one to the kitchen, one to the living room, and one to what was undoubtedly termed the parlor in that period. It represented a well built home in that era. The eight (8) adult children of Thomas and Elon (Joseph) Megee grew to manhood and womanhood in this house. The house and 170 acres of land (more or less) continued in the family ownership until 1895. It is possible that LEVIN J. McGee-McGee, was born in this home. See narrative of Thomas Megee, (b. 1786 ---- d. 1898,) on pages 40 to 44 inclusive, SECOND generation; his eight adult children under THIRD generation on pages 82 to 99 inclusive; and their descendants under fourth and succeeding generations.



A P P E N D I X "A"  
to  
The Family Tree Historical Project  
of  
John and Ann Megee (and/or their Descendants)  
Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware

The original objective of this project, as stated in the INTRODUCTORY remarks was to develop and follow the single line of descent from JOHN MEGEE, designated first generation in Sussex County, Delaware, thence William Megee, b. 9-30-1775 (second generation) thence Moses Megee, b. 2-21-1819-----d. July 1888 and descendants.

The INTRODUCTORY remarks outlined, in two ways, the change in the original concept and the adoption of an expanded program in the 1950s, namely; (1) To follow through with all eight adult children of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, instead of limiting the scope to William Megee, one of the eight children and his descendants.

(2) To broaden the research in an effort to develop a verified record of the ancestors of the above captioned JOHN MEGEE from the earliest documented period in the Colony or Colonies of this Nation.

As earlier stated in the INTRODUCTORY remarks, Mrs. Helene C. Potter, a genealogist of Lewes, Delaware, was secured on a "If, as and when convenient or needed" basis in January 1960, to make a research concerning JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, together with "handed down", hearsay but unverified reported relationships of Samuel, Isaiah, Levin, and Thomas Megee or Magee, of Indian River Hundred.

Concurrently with this research program, the developments prompted Mrs. Potter to make a brief exploratory trip to Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland. Along with a preliminary report of this trip including documentary references, she strongly recommended a thorough research of the records of those two Counties. It was her belief that such work would yield verified ancestral relationships of the aforementioned JOHN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Delaware. She also stated that it would be impractical for her to undertake such an assignment.

Early in 1962, Walter B. Norris, a retired Professor of History for the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis (for thirty-eight years) and the author of a well known History of the City of Annapolis, Maryland, was secured on an "If, as and when convenient" basis to pursue the research of records of Somerset and Worcester Counties, and such other Maryland records as were pertinent.

The commingling relationships of lower Delaware and the two adjoining counties of Somerset and Worcester, landwise and people-wise, were covered at some length in the INTRODUCTORY remarks. However, a review of this feature may be justified in connection with APPENDIX "A" summary.





The results of genealogist Norris' research in 1962 not only confirmed the recommendations of Mrs. Potter in 1960, but naturally supplies a broader and more comprehensive assemblage of data from the records of the two Maryland Counties through the State Archives at Annapolis, the Historical Society of Maryland (headquarters in Baltimore) and a review of certain records in the National Archives, and other pertinent sources of information, to the following presentation.

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A P P E N D I X "A"  
 The MAGEES-----MEGEES  
 of  
 Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland  
 Ancestors of  
JOHN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, Delaware

The following is from information supplied by genealogist Walter B. Norris, with many direct quotes from his reports beginning with the preliminary report dated May 30, 1962:

"There are a number of persons named MAGEE or some variant of that name who came to Virginia, Maryland and Delaware in the 17th Century, but little can be found as to their later movements. The earliest is the transportation of a JOHN MAGEE to Virginia in 1635, but with no further identification as to subsequent movements."

"The next is the present of Richard Magee in 1642. He left no descendants. The earliest in the 'Early Settlers list' prepared by the D.A.R. from patents for land as a reward for settling is in 1674 when we have in Vol. 18, p. 674, the arrival of Edward, Henry and Patrick, who were transported that is they paid the Captain of the ship for bringing them to the New World by assigning to him grants of land which Lord Baltimore gave them as new settlers, generally 50 acres. If they kept it they could secure patents on the tracts, and these were recorded and are still accessible in the Land Office in Annapolis. However, none of these early Magees seem to have secured patents. These were transferrable as evidenced by the following."

"Came John Adison of St. Mary's (page 309 of 'Early Settlers' list,) under date of November 27, 1680 and craved the entry of 68 rights proven formally before Nicholas Painter, Clerk of the Secretary's Office, October 17, 1678 and on November 27, 1680 demanded rights to "X" acres of land for transporting himself and seven other persons into the province."

"According to entry in the William and Mary Quarterly Magazine, Vol. 3, -p.66, a John Magee arrived in Virginia in 1679, but left no record of where he settled. This John Magee could have later founded the family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Communication by water was very easy from Virginia to Somerset County, Maryland. However, there is no record of his obtaining any land from Lord Baltimore as shown by the 'Early Settlers' list."

"The first really reliable evidence of the coming of the MAGEES to the Eastern Shore of Maryland is in the Land records of Somerset County Maryland, Lib.-(Volume) I.K.L.-p, 117 where are recorded births from 1620 to 1720 in Stepney Parish, namely;

Thomas Magee,	son of	George and Maudlin,	b.	9 April	1686
Peter Magee,	"	" " " "	"	b. 30 June	1688
Samuel Magee,	"	" " " "	"	b. 4 Sept.	1691"





"Little is known of George Magee except that he left a will, filed in 1713, in which he mentioned his wife Maudlin (Magdalene) and stated that he was of Wicomico in Somerset County. Maryland Testamentary Proceedings Lib. 32, folio 249. Somerset County, Lib. 34, folio 88, George Magee. The record shows that a John Magee was named as Administrator and gave bond of 100 Pounds Sterling with John Cordrey and Jacob Taylor as Sureties on June 4, 1713."

"Inventory appraisal by Benjamin Coleman and William Hobbs was filed by the Administrator 7-25-1713, ---'Then came Magdalene, his widow and Peter P. Magee who certified and approved the Inventory' and said there was no tobacco of value, ---signed, John Magee, Administrator."

"Administrator's Accounting Lib. 36-A, fol 192 (front book) August 5, 1714, the account of John Magee, Administrator of late George Magee deceased of Somerset County, Maryland."

NOTE 1: The above indicates that George Magee reached "Journey's End" in the late Spring of 1713. Assuming that he was 25 to 30 years of age when the birth of Thomas was recorded in Stepney Parish in 1686, this would have made him between 50 and 55 years of age at time of decease.

NOTE 2: There were no references in the estate settlement concerning sons Thomas and Samuel, with registered births of 1686 and 1691. If living they would have been about 27 and 22 years old respectively in 1713. They may have died prior to the death of their father, --- or upon reaching the majority may have migrated farther South or Westward, as was done by many of that contemporary period in "pushing back the frontiers", ---- or it could have been they were settled, whereas son Peter P. was at home with his Mother, and was mentioned in the settlement papers as a signer.

Among the notes in the several pages of "work sheets" by Genealogist Norris was this one:

"Somerset County, Maryland, Peter Magee in Testamentary Proceedings Lib. 22, fol. 243 gave bond for 100 pounds Sterling April 3, 1713 on the estate of Timothy Sullivan." This obviously was Peter P. Magee, b. June 30, 1688, who was approximately 25 years old when he was named as Administrator above listed, and this no doubt preceded the date of his father's (George) decease. No further record of said Peter P. Magee has been located.

NOTE 3: Who was John Magee, the Administrator of George Magee deceased? Obviously he was a close and highly esteemed relative to have been named Administrator, with a surviving widow (Magdalen) and at least one son (Peter P. Magee) either or both of whom would seem to have been eligible. There is no record in Somerset County of the birth of a John Magee who might be the one who served in 1713-1714.





The assumption of an elder brother-relationship may well be correct. This is based on what is believed to be the subsequent death of said John Magee in 1729 (see later). On the other hand, he could have been the eldest son of George and Maudlin before their arrival to the New World. (To the writer the assumption of an older brother appears more logical.) In any event, there doubtless is agreement that said John was closely related to George Magee deceased.

NOTE 4: It might be apropos here, to again call attention to reference in the estate settlement of George Magee,---"He was of Wicomico in Somerset County." Originally this County comprised all of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, East of the Nanticoke river, or what is now Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico Counties, plus a portion of what is now lower Delaware, (roughly speaking that portion South of Indian River, Millsboro, and Broad Creek, Laurel and out to the Nanticoke River.)

In 1742 the said Somerset County was divided and Worcester County created, embracing perhaps one-half of the physical area of former Somerset County. In the book titled TIDEWATER MARYLAND of 1945, p. 167 reads in part:

"The name of one of the principal thoroughfares of Salisbury, Maryland suggests a curious phase of its history. It is called Division Street, originally it was called Dividing Street, because it once separated two old Eastern Shore Counties, Worcester and Somerset. The older inhabitants tell how their forbears if they lived on the west side of Dividing Street went on County business to Somerset Court-House, at Princess Anne, and those who lived on the East side of this street were obliged to go to Worcester Court-House at Snow Hill. In 1867 these two counties yielded some of their northern lands and from these lands Wicomico County was created and Salisbury holds its court-house at almost its geographical center. And the reason of the name Division Street has become a memory. One of Salisbury's ancients, since deceased, used to boast that he lived in three counties yet he had always lived in Salisbury."

In 1760 the Court of Chancery of England defined the present boundaries between Delaware and Maryland, which was made effective by Proclamation in 1775. The Magees of Wicomico, in Somerset County appear to have been "near the head of the Wicomico river" and as described in two or three deeds, "on the road leading from Barren Creek Mill to Broad Creek."

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JOHN MAGEE (I)

Somerset County Deeds: Lib. TH-016, fol 62, Edward Wooten and his wife Sarah of Somerset March 20, 1726 and John Magee of same County; That a John Frizzell, late of said County-----parcel of land in this County at the head of Rock-a-Walkin river back in the woods alienated to him by William Jones,----by last will and testament of Cornelius Johnson deceased,-----recorded in R.W.-fol. 36 dated 6-10-1690 by which John Frizzell became possessed and which he did under date of 11-6-1702 give to Edward Wooten his son-in-law, of Wicomico in Somerset County-----called Coxe's Choice at head of Rock-a-Walkin river, 300 acres, see Lib. O, -fol. 607 and Edward Wooten and Sarah his wife for 6,000 pounds tobacco paid to them by John Magee grants said property to said grantee. See TH-016 fol 63.

Delivered to Thomas Hayward for record 4-6-1727 and Levin Gale got acknowledgement for the Wooten's

The John Magee, who was named Administrator for George Magee in 1713, is believed to be the same man as the John Magee who bought Coxe's Choice in 1726. No record of any other John Magee located in Somerset County in that contemporary period. Note the will of JOHN MAGEE (I) dated 1728 and note the names of his sons, and there doubtless will be agreement that there was something more than co-incidence in the said christian names.

Will of John Magee (I), Planter, of Somerset County, Maryland Lib. 19, -folio 813: "To my wife one third part of my estate and if she remains unmarried then my four sons Peter, Samuel, Moses and David shall remain with her till 21 years of age. If she remarries they are to be free at 18 years of age. To my sons George, John and Peter, --- 300 acres called Coxe's Choice to be equally divided, the eldest to have first choice and John next but if either of them should die without issue his part to fall to the next eldest brother who has no land and so to youngest successively so that one may not inherit all while there is more alive that have no land. 2,000 pence each to be paid conditionally, when they come of age. The rest of my estate to be equally divided among my seven children. My wife Elizabeth to be Executrix. Dated April 20, 1728. Proven July 28, 1729."

NOTE: The four sons Peter, Samuel, Moses and David apparently were not 18 years old, as of the date of the will. George, John and Peter were given the 300 acres called Coxe's Choice, in equal parts. This would seem to indicate that George and John were probably both 21 years of age, while Peter was not. The will reads,-- "the rest of my estate to be divided equally among my seven children" ---- yet the will names only six children.

In an effort to fit the approximate ages of the six children specifically named in the will of John Magee (I), a tentative chart arbitrarily listing their estimated years of birth was drafted:





Name	George	---John (Jr.)	---Peter	---Samuel	---Moses	---David
Estm'td birth	1705	1707	1711	1714	1716	1719

The arbitrary years of birth were based on the premise that George and John (Jr.) were 21 years of age when the will was signed 4-28-1728.

The suggested birth of Peter (II) would have made him about 17 years old in 1728 and 18 years old by October 1729 (see subsequent developments). The year 1719 for David would have made him 18 years old in 1737, (see final accounting of estate.)

The will by using the words,---"If she remarries" might well indicate that his wife Elizabeth may have been substantially younger than he. The said will was proven and filed at Princess Anne, Somerset County, Lib. 28,-fol 432 and bond by Elizabeth Magee, his Executrix, entered July 28, 1729.

In Somerset County Lib. 15, fol. 254-255 dated 10-15-1729 was an inventory of goods and chattels (personal property estate) of John Magee (I) deceased. This inventory was signed by John Davis and Elizabeth his wife, formerly Elizabeth Magee Executrix, also by John Magee and Peter Magee, who signed as,---"Two of the nearest of kin". NOTE: The remarriage of Elizabeth, his mother resulted in Peter being "free" at age 18, and apparently eligible to sign the sworn inventory of personal property.

Somerset County, Lib. 14,-fol 345-347 Account of John Davis and Elizabeth his wife, who was Executrix of the last will of John Magee (I) late of Somerset, dated July 28, 1737. NOTE: This was apparently the final accounting and was eight years after the date of probate in 1729. It is possible that this long period of time was because of the necessity to wait until David the youngest of the four named sons; Peter, Samuel, Moses and David who were to be free at age 18 if the widow Elizabeth re-married. With an estimated birth of 1719 for said David, he would have reached the "age of freedom" in July 1737.

No record was located by genealogist Norris of the date of decease of either John Davis or his wife Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Magee Executrix of John Magee (I) late of Somerset County. That she was living in July 1737 is proven by the final accounting of her first husband's estate, which would seem to confirm the assumption that she may have been substantially younger than said John Magee (I). Another feature noticed is that David who had remained with his mother until "free", was married in 1745 (see narrative for him) and the first child of this marriage was named--Davis Magee, perhaps for his step-father.

The failure to match up any child beyond the six named in John Magee (I's) will, in order to make good on that part of the will which read---"the rest to be divided equally among my seven children" is not understandable. However, the will was accepted for probate, and the estate settled. Have wondered if there may have been a daughter, who was unnamed in said will but shared the one-third part of the estate left to the widow.





Children of John (I) and his Wife  
Elizabeth Magee, of Somerset County, Maryland

(1st) GEORGE MAGEE, estimated birth 1705, (referred to in his father's will as the eldest). Based upon deeds of record he married Sarah (surname unknown.) Worcester County deed Lib. B.-fol. 232 of 11-8-1749, John Williams of Somerset County granted George Magee of same County tract of land called Williams Privilege, forty-four acres.

Worcester County Deeds--Lib. E.-fol. 31, 8-7-1760, George Magee and Sarah his wife, and Peter Parsons of same County. Patent 11-8-1731 granted unto Jonathan Williams of aforesaid County, Williams Privilege, then of Somerset County but now of Worcester County on North side of Pocomoke River, beginning at a white oak and extending to the S. W. of said Williams Plantation, being forty-four acres. John Williams, son of Jonathan Williams to George Magee and his wife Sarah in 1749. The Magees now to Peter Parsons, signed George and Sarah S. Magee.

NOTE: Worcester County was created in 1742. Apparently this tract of 44 acres was in the new county of Worcester, possibly near the boundary line between Somerset and Worcester. It was sold in 1760 to Peter Parsons. The town of Parsonsburg, some short distance East of Salisbury was apparently named for the Parsons family and lies close to the Delaware line as of today.

George Magee inherited one-third of the 300 acres of COXE'S CHOICE by his father's (John (I) will). The Rent Rolls of Somerset County folio 28 show--- "To John Sturgis from George Magee 3-8-1753, --- 100 acres"---could have been his one-third portion.

Worcester County, Maryland, Lib. 43 fol. 325 and 591: George Magee by Administrator's bond by Joshua Hill, fol. 591, Accounts of Worcester County, --- George Magee inventory received 7-7-1769. He was probably near 65 years old. See Worcester Accounts Lib. 64, fol 176 of year 1770, apparently the final accounting. The researcher did not locate any mention of children in the estate settlement.

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(2nd) JOHN MAGEE (JR.) estimated birth 1707, son of John (I) and Elizabeth Magee, of Somerset County. Based upon a deed of record, Somerset County Deed B.-023, fol. 129, of 6-3-1756, it is believed that John (Jr.) married Margaret Oliphant, the only child of William Oliphant.

Said deed covered a tract of land on the East side of the Nanticoke river about two miles northward of the head of a branch called Blackwater Branch, containing 50 acres, called Kings Luck, granted 9-9-1726 to John Caldwell, who granted same to Philip King and his wife Marian of said County, who sold it to William Oliphant of said County, who died intestate leaving only one child now the wife of said John Magee. Then said John Magee and his wife Margaret grants to James English the said 50 acres June 3-1756.





This deed appears to have been for the purpose of confirming and assuring a good and absolute title to the aforementioned 50 acres, however, it serves a useful purpose in naming one who is believed to have been the wife of John Magee (Jr.). The general location of this tract called King's Luck is not believed to be far distant from the 300 acre Plantation called Coxe's Choice willed in 1728 by John Magee (I) to his three sons, George, John and Peter, to be equally divided etc. In fact, it is possible this 50 acre tract northward of a branch called Blackwater Branch by some two miles, might have been in lower southwestern part of Little Creek Hundred, Delaware after 1775.

No record was found of the death of either John (Jr.) or Margaret (Oliphant) Magee, nor of his estate settlement or children. Based upon some untraced references, it is possible that he was married in the 1730s and that they left children, which, by the same like speculation, could have been a JOHN and one a SAMUEL, perhaps born in the 1740s, who were participants in real estate transfers in Somerset County, Maryland, and the Southwest corner of Sussex County in the 1780s and 1790s. No effort made to follow same.

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(3rd) PETER MAGEE (II), estimated birth 1711, son of John (I) and his wife Elizabeth Magee, of Somerset County, Maryland. He was not 18 years old when his father's will was executed in April 1728. However, he was a signer of the sworn inventory of personal property of John Magee (I) which was filed on October 15, 1729, indicating that he must have been eighteen years old at that time and eligible to sign as one of "the nighest of kin".

Peter (II) inherited one-third of the 300 acre Plantation called Coxe's Choice. He married Mary Noble 12-23-1736. Their first child was born 11-5-1737, according to records of Stepney Parish, of Somerset County.

Somerset County records list a large number of realty purchases and sales too numerous to attempt to mention. Among these were:

Somerset County, E.-019, fol. 244 from James Weatherly Wilson's Discovery, 100 acres in 1738, to Peter Megee.

Somerset County Land Record 021, fol. 51, of 12-7-1742 Thomas Gillis deceased had a grant dated 4-10-1715 for a tract called Rich Ridge, 200 acres which by will was left divided between his two sons Thomas and Ezekiel Gillis. The said Thomas Jr. did grant Peter Magee that portion of tract called Rich Ridge lying westward of a line from a marked Hickory, standing near the said Peter Magee Plantation, a little distance from a small swamp, near road leading from Barren Creek Mill to Broad Creek, 70 acres. Recorded 3-17-1743.





Somerset County, Lib. 34, fol. 229 will of Peter Magee (II) dated 12-16-1762. Specific mention made of "Son John (II); My daughter Magdalene; Son Thomas (II); My daughter Jane Collins wife of John Collins". In the absence of any mention made of his wife, it is assumed that she predeceased him.

"To son John 70 acres called Rich Ridge bought of Thomas Gillis Jr."

"To son John all of my personal estate" and "son John as Executor." Said will was probated 8-20-1766, thus it is presumed that Peter Magee (II) reached "Journey's End" somewhere around August 15, 1766, aged about 55 years, based on the estimated year of birth.

Genealogist Walter B. Norris indicates that Peter Magee (II) apparently owned at time of death three tracts of land, viz; his one-third interest in Coxe's Choice, the 70 acres of Rich Ridge and his portion of a tract called Conclusion, Somerset wills Folder 60, Box 9, further indicates that Peter, son of John (I) was a prominent citizen of his community during his lifetime.

Inventories Lib. 89, folio 291, Peter Magee late of Somerset County, appraised 10-13-1766; "We the nearest of kin certify and approve, ----signed Magdalene Magee, Thomas Magee and John Magee (II) Executor, 11-19-1766," They also reported "No known creditors."

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Children of  
Peter Magee (II) and his Wife Mary (Noble) Magee

JOHN MAGEE (II), estimated birth about 1740, son of Peter (II) and grandson of John Magee (I) deceased in 1729, of Somerset County, Maryland. The narrative for John (II) is covered in considerable detail under, ---JOHN AND ANN MAGEE-MEGEE, the first generation of the family in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, which follows immediately the INTRODUCTORY remarks to this project.

MAGDALENE MAGEE, estimated born in the early 1740s, daughter of Peter (II) and Mary (Noble) Magee. She was probably named for Magdalene, wife of George Magee, who died in 1713. She signed the certified inventory of her father's personal property estate as a singlewoman in late 1766. No further record of said Magdalene was observed by genealogist.

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THOMAS MAGEE (II), estimated birth about the mid 1740s, son of Peter (II) and Mary (Noble) Magee. He was specifically named in his father's will dated in late 1762. He was a signer of the inventory appraisal of personal property of his father, which was





filed 11-19-1766. There is no additional data which has been provably identified as this THOMAS (II), son of Peter (II) and grandson of John (I) and his wife Elizabeth.

In the INTRODUCTORY remarks, reference was made to "handed down - hear-say information" but without any verification, of a SAMUEL----ISAIAH----LEVIN----and THOMAS of Indian River Hundred, reported to be related to JOHN MAGEE-MEGEE, of the same Hundred, in Delaware. The genealogist Mrs. Potter was unable to locate any THOMAS MAGEE (or Megee, or McGee) in Indian River Hundred, but did find a confirmation of one listed in Scharf's History of Delaware, under Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, near the Maryland line.

The inability to find anything in Somerset or Worcester Counties concerning THOMAS, son of Peter (II) after the settlement of his father's estate in 1766, prompts a presumption, purely gratuitous by the writer, that the said THOMAS of Baltimore Hundred could be Thomas, son of Peter (II), and the following is chronicled as information.

Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, 1609---1888, Vol. II, - p. 1340, in the last sentence of the last paragraph reads:

"The following names are from the assessment roll of Baltimore Hundred in 1785, and show the land owners at that time". (Underscoring by writer)

On page 1341 there are more than 260 names under this classification of land-owners and the name of Thomas McGee is listed as the 127th on this assessment roll.

Confirmation of said Thomas Magee-McGee was located in a further research by genealogist Mrs. Potter, under CHURCHES OF DELAWARE, by Frank R. Zebley, p. 309-310--SOUND METHODIST, located a short distance East of the village of Williamsville, Delaware,---first church built in 1784 on a site donated by John Robinson to the Trustees, five from Sussex County, Delaware, and four from Worcester County, Maryland. The deed was witnessed by Thomas McGee and two others, and acknowledged in Court of Common Pleas, for Sussex County, in 1790.

No further record was located concerning marriage, issue, death, or estate settlement. He was not listed on the "Reconstructed Census for 1790, for Delaware, by Leon DeValinger, State Archivist, at Dover, Delaware, nor on the U. S. Census reports for Baltimore Hundred for 1800 or 1810."

Considering that this portion of Baltimore Hundred, Delaware was claimed by Lord Baltimore as a part of Maryland until 1760 decision of the Court of Chancery of England, and the Proclamation which made the new boundary effective in 1775, there could be a bare possibility that Thomas, son of Peter (II) and a brother to John (II) of Indian River Hundred, might be the Thomas listed in





Baltimore Hundred as a land-owner taxable in 1785, and who witnessed the Church site deed in 1790. Absolutely no tangible verification. It might be of useful information to some one in the future, serving as a challenge to further research.

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JANE (MAGEE) COLLINS, was referred to as---"My daughter Jane Collins, wife of John Collins" in her father's will 12-16-1762. It is possible that she might have been the first born child of Peter (II) and Mary (Noble) Magee, of Somerset County, on November 5, 1737.

She was not a signer of the Inventory of personal property of her father in November 1766. She was married when her father's will was signed in 1762. With a lapse of about three and one-half years between the date of the will and her father's death, she may have moved from the immediate vicinity, or for some good reason it was impractical for her to be present and sign the sworn inventory when filed, --- or she could have reached "Journey's End" prior to her father's death and left no issue.

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 (4) SAMUEL MAGEE MEGEE, (II), estimated birth 1714, a son of John (1) and Elizabeth Magee, of upper Somerset County, Maryland. He was named in his father's will dated 1728 and probated in 1729. He is believed to have married after arrival in Indian River Hundred, Delaware, around 1748-1753. It seems very probable that his wife was substantially younger than he. He married Mary (surname unknown). The records of St. George's P.E. Chapel of Indian River Hundred include the following:

"David, son of Samuel and Mary Megee, b. 7-20-1772 and baptized June 13, 1773".

Samuel served as a private in Captain George Smith's Company, of the Delaware Militia. While in the Continental Army, in the American Revolution, this Company was under the command of Colonel Henry Neill (2nd Delaware Regiment) whose home was Lewis Town, Delaware.

References are shown in the Second Delaware Regiment (Militia) in the service of the United States of America to --- "Samuel Magee, pages 640 and 641," including acknowledgments of pay in the service, and the amounts.

He was listed as a taxable in Indian River Hundred in 1785. He died in 1790 or early 1791, based upon the following: --- "In State Archives, Dover, Delaware, under Sussex Administrations, Vol. 88, -p. 22 - Samuel Magee, probated 3-12-1791." The Administrator was "John Megee in right of Mary Megee". The account later states that Mary was deceased, also that an amount was allowed for raising the deceased's--"two youngest children" (however the children were unnamed).





Further, -- Administrations, Sussex County, Vol. 87-p. 167, Mary McGee probated 9-16-1791. Administrator was John McGee, who submitted a detailed account and was allowed certain monies remaining over and above expenses for maintenance of deceased's children. Again, there was no mention of the names of the children.

Among the disbursements were payments: Funeral expenses; to Thomas Warrington; Robert Lacey; William Burton; Peter Robinson; and DAVID McGEE. This last named item must refer to Samuel and Mary's son David, b. 7-20-1772, could not have been otherwise. In September 1791, said David Megee (as spelled when birth was registered at St. George's).

The references to the Administrator for Samuel indicate that his widow Mary, was appointed originally. Note that John's appointment reads, ---"In right of Mary". Obviously Mary reached "Journey's End" shortly after the loss of her husband Samuel. The two Administrations indicate a close relationship between Samuel and John. Both families probably lived within reasonably close proximity. Each was listed as having one or more children with births and baptism at St. George's Chapel. It is possible that John was serving as an advisor to said Mary and his appointment may have been suggested prior to her being "Called Home". Both were taxables of Indian River Hundred in 1785. Based upon what seems to be an unquestioned line of descent, John Megee, the Administrator was a nephew of Samuel Magee and about twenty-six years younger.

It is unfortunate that Administration records for neither Samuel nor Mary identifies their "two youngest children" for whom maintenance expenses were allowed. They were undoubtedly younger than David b. 7-20-1772, but may have been in their 'teens'. No records have been found which offer any identification by name, not even a presumption, among the U. S. Census records, County or State records.

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DAVID MEGEE, b. 7-20-1772 (as spelled in the St. George's Chapel record) son of Samuel and Mary Megee, of Indian River Hundred.

Under "Sussex Administrations in the State Archives at Dover, Delaware", there is shown:---"Account of George Walton, of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of David McGee late of Sussex County, deceased, Vol. A-87, folio 166,--exhibited to the Registrar April 29, 1797, who made oath that the same is just and true". Before Phillips Kollock, Registrar.

Disbursements were made to John Orr; Robert Burton; William Blizzard; and Dr. John Marsh. The listing of names to whom disbursements were made for both Mary Megee, and David, is for purpose of further verifying relationships and their locations. Most of the payees were listed as taxables in Indian River Hundred in 1785 and in the "Reconstructed 1790 Census for Delaware by Leon DeValinger, State Archivist."





David Megee was not "of age" in 1790. He was probably about 24 years and possibly 6 months in early 1797 when "Called Home". In the absence of any reference to widow or issue, he apparently was unmarried. While his estate was small, there was no reference to the "two youngest" children of Samuel and Mary, who would have been his sisters or brothers.

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(5) MOSES MAGEE (I), estimated birth about 1716, son of John Magee (I) and his wife Elizabeth, of Wicomico, Somerset County, Maryland, was specifically mentioned in his father's will dated in 1728 and probated in July 1729.

No further reference has been located by genealogist Norris, of this son of John Magee (I). He could have migrated South or West after becoming "free at age 18" as provided in his father's will. Apparently the name MOSES was well remembered, as evidenced by JOHN (II) and his wife Ann Megee naming the youngest of their eight adult children born in Indian River Hundred as--MOSES, (II) 1789---d. 1864. Then William, b. 1775, son of John (II) named his third son by his first marriage as MOSES, (b. 1819----d. 1888). He was probably named for his uncle Moses (b. 1789). Then David Magee, a younger brother of MOSES (I) (b. about 1716), named a son MOSES (IIII) (b. 12-30-1748).

NOTE: The parenthesis above is for purpose of identification and supplied by the writer.

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(6) DAVID MAGEE, estimated born about 1719, the youngest of six sons of John Magee (I) and his wife, Elizabeth, of Wicomico, Somerset County, Maryland. According to Stepney Parish records at Dover, Delaware and at Princess Anne, Maryland, David was married 10-31-1745 to Mary Macglanary, of Somerset County. Their children:

Davis Magee,	b. 11- 5-1746
Moses "	, b. 12-30-1748
Leah "	, b. 12-14-1750
Nelly "	, b. 5-30-1752
Reuben "	, b. 2-13-1754
Josiah "	, b. 11-16-1757
Ann Mary"	, b. 1-19-1761
Betty "	, b. 3- 4-1763
David(Jr.)"	, b. 3-12-1765

David (Sr.) apparently reached his 18th birthday around mid-year 1737 based on the final accounting filed by John Davis and his wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Magee, Executrix of the last will of John Magee (I) late of Somerset County, which was probated 7-28-1729.





Said David (Sr.) was apparently a successful "tiller of the soil" and very active in real estate as shown by the numerous deeds of record covering purchases and sales. He was apparently also interested in civic and community matters as evidenced by----"In 1763 David Megee was one of the petitioners for a new Charter for Salisbury, Maryland, (see Black Books, 1269). NOTE: This would indicate that he owned property in Salisbury, therefore a definite interest in the proposed new Charter. Among David's real estate purchases there were:

To David Magee---in 1761,--55 acres; In 1762 part of Davis' Choice 12 acres; 1764 Magees Lot, 347 acres; In 1767 Patented lands 275 acres; In 1768 Smith's Discovery 371 acres; In 1774 a Lot of---12 acres.

There were many records of sales during the period 1760 to 1774. Among these the following are cited because of location and/or description, which seemed to be of pertinent interest:

Worcester County, Maryland Deeds 8-21-1765, Lib. F, fol. 420, David Magee grants William Caldwell part of Smiths Discovery \*\*\*\*\* beginning with a white oak marked on three sides with six notches standing near the second line of Smith Discovery on the South side of the main road that leads from the head of the Wicomico river to St. Martins, 100 acres. Signed David and Mary his wife.

Worcester County Rent Rolls 2-19-1762 showed that David Magee had a portion of Coxe's Choice on the west side of Nassawango Creek. The original Coxe's Choice (at that time in Somerset County was patented to Thomas Cox (see patented lands Lib. fol 184, in 1675. It was purchased by John Magee (I) in 1726, --- 300 acres for 6,000 pounds of tobacco. It was willed in three equal parts to George, John (Jr.) and Peter Magee, by their father JOHN (I) in 1728. Somewhere along the line said David apparently had acquired one of the portions belonging to the three devisees, or some of older sons had no issue (see Will of John (I) in 1728.)

At least two of David's sons served in the American Revolutionary forces, having enlisted at Salisbury, Maryland, namely,--Reuben and Josiah. Some references were found concerning records of deeds in the Post War period, 1783 to 1800, in fact one with respect to Reuben in 1802, Worcester County, Maryland.

The last transaction of record by David was an exchange of property in 1774 with his son Davis Magee. The genealogist was unable to locate any record of his death, will or estate settlement. In 1774 said David Sr. was approximately 55 years of age. It is very strange indeed that one so active should vanish without leaving some clue. He may have migrated South or Westward as many did in that era.

Genealogist Walter B. Norris did some research work with the Historical records of West Virginia, Kentucky and a half dozen other states. And "Believe it or not Ripley"---there was among a large number of Kentucky Magees--Megees--McGees, a David McGee who said he came to Kentucky in 1775. In view of the fact that Somerset County





David had a land transaction in 1774, it hardly seems practical for him to be in Kentucky in 1775, although this trek could have been made easily in less than a year.

There was a "link" of some type between Somerset-Worcester Counties, Maryland and Burke County, Georgia as evidenced by the following which is being cited as an illustration of the migration from one section to another:

Worcester County Deeds, Lib. Q, fol. 302, April 1, 1794, Elizabeth Hobbs of Burke County, Georgia and Milly McGee of said State and County;--- Elizabeth Hobbs for 75 pounds Sterling grants a tract of 75 acres situate in Worcester County, Eastern Shore of Maryland, part of a tract granted Mackeller Hobbs and by him to Matthew Hobbs, to said Elizabeth Hobbs which is bounded by lands of Edward Nelsen, John -----?, all for use of Milly McGee. Signed Josiah Magee (his mark). Recorded in Book B. fol 222 of Burke County, Georgia.

Worcester County, Maryland Deed 10-25-1792, Lib. D. fol 431-432, Reuben Magee has claim to Dorman's Choice which he bought of G. C. Davi of Burke County, George, re lands sold Reuben Magee of Worcester County, Maryland

The two deeds just quoted in part indicates migration by the Hobbs family and the Davis family, which lends some meager justification for assuming that possibly David and one or more of his children may have migrated. The first named deed of 1794 would seem to indicate that Josiah Magee was in Burke County, Georgia. Said Josiah had a sister Nelly, and while the deed refers to Milly McGee, yet signed by Josiah Magee, there may well have been some mis-reading on one or the other of records.

Genealogist Norris made several notes of Davis Magee, two or three of Reuben, and two or three of Josiah (the last named in connection with Revolutionary War service. There were no references to Moses, b. 12-30-1748 nor David Jr. b. 3-12-1765.

This brings to a close the descendants of JOHN MAGEE (I) and his wife ELIZABETH MAGEE, that is the six sons of JOHN (I) named specifically in his will of 1728---probated July 1729.

There are two additional names, namely ISAIAH, a taxable in Indian River Hundred in 1785---who was married there in 1768---and a LEVIN Magee-McGee, who served in the American Revolution and enlisted at Lewis Town. By affidavit proof, he was related to JOHN MAGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred. Both of these men will be listed on SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX "A", which follow this page.

The Magees and Megees of Somerset and Worcester Counties have spread far since the 1680s in Somerset County, and the family of JOHN (I), whose six named sons were presumably born between about 1705 and 1719 in upper Somerset County (at that time), especially the family of JOHN MAGEE (II) and ANN his wife, of Indian River Hundred.





SUPPLEMENTARY  
APPENDIX "A" ONE

LEVIN MEGEE-MAGEE-McGEE, in the "Handed down, hearsay information" (but unverified) which the writer heard discussed to some extent from time to time, by one or more sons of MOSES MEGEE, b. 1819, as to the earlier generations of the family, in Indian River Hundred, there was always a JOHN MEGEE, the first generation in the Zoar Church and Cross-roads area of said Hundred. Then there was always reference to a SAMUEL and LEVIN, plus an ISAIAH and a THOMAS.

There was always the impression these five were in Indian River Hundred in the same general contemporary period of time, prior to, and during the American Revolution. Genealogist Mrs. Potter was asked to explore and develop all possible information concerning each with respect to:

- (A) -----Their proven existence
- (B) -----Marriage and descendants
- (C) -----Deaths and estate settlements, etc.

She furnished documented and authenticated records for:

JOHN MEGEE, -- SAMUEL, -- LEVIN, -- ISAIAH

The narrative for JOHN MAGEE (II) which has treated in detail immediately following the INTRODUCTORY remarks to the project.

SAMUEL MAGEE is covered under the FOURTH child of JOHN (I) and his wife Elizabeth Magee, under APPENDIX "A"

LEVIN, is covered in the first narrative of this SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX "A" ONE. He was a proven relative of JOHN MEGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred.

ISAIAH, is covered by the second narrative in this SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX "A" ONE.

THOMAS, was not found in Indian River Hundred. A Thomas was found in Baltimore Hundred under taxables of 1785, as listed in Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, 1609---1888, also a further reference to him in 1790, as witness to a deed to a Church site in said Baltimore Hundred. See report under Third child of PETER MAGEE (II) in APPENDIX "A" Verified data supplied by genealogist Mrs. Potter, and the presumption advanced with no supporting evidence by the writer as purely a gratuitous gesture.

L E V I N  
MAGEE---MEGEE---McGEE

Military Archives Records of DELAWARE, Vol. I, p.-119 Col. David Hall's regiment lists a Levin McGee. Page 308 of same volume shows--Levin McGee, enlisted February 29, 1780, at Lewis Town, Delaware. Vol. I, p-589, - "Return of State coats delivered the following soldiers at Lewistown, March 1780," includes Levin D. McGee, also again on a similar list on June 13, 1780.





Other references indexed for Levin were found in a search of January, 1951 and confirmed by a personal review of the records in 1961, (in Washington, D. C.) namely in the three Volumes of Delaware Archives-Revolutionary War Soldiers---pages 594-595-1155-1181-1192-1319-and 1324. Not all of these were checked out in detail.

The following information was developed by a Washington, D. C. Researcher, in 1956, as evidenced by photo-stat from General Services Administration, by transmittal slip, dated March 8, 1956. These data were reviewed by the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, in the Spring of 1960.

"From---The National Archives Record Group No. 15-A Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrant, 2130-100, of Levin McGee".

"State of Delaware, Sussex County:

I, John McGee, heir-at-law of Levin McGee do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, that Levin McGee did enter the service in 1779 for the term of the War and served as a private in the Delaware Regiment under command of Colonel David Hall, of the Delaware Line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until peace was declared.

I further declare, that I have never received a Warrant for the bounty land promised Levin McGee on the part of the United States; or the State of Virginia; nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever, therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, John McGee aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Frazier Gray to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes as attorneys under him for the special purposes aforesaid.

(Signed) John McGee

Attest: John Gray.

Personally appeared the above named John McGee subscriber to the foregoing Declaration, and made under oath to the same, and in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined to be his free act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Sworn and subscribed  
31st, October, 1835.  
Before Jno. Ponder, J.P."

"Sussex County:

Personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, John McGee and made oath in due form of Law,





that William McGee--John McGee--Thomas McGee--Thoroughgood Brittanham, Ann Brittanham, Elizabeth Brittanham and Abigail West, William McGee (Son of Josiah) Archibald McGee and Joseph Bonsell are the legal representatives and all the heirs-at-law, of Levin McGee, late a soldier in Delaware Regiment and that the said Levin McGee died about 1790 without leaving a widow, or children, or any nearer of kin than the above named nephews and nieces.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 31st day of October, 1835  
Jno. P. Ponder, J. P."

(Signed) John McGee

"Personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Justice of Peace for the aforesaid County, Frazier Gray and Benj. McIlvaine credible and disinterested witnesses and made oath, in due form of law, that they were acquainted with the above mentioned Levin McGee and that they believe the above named William McGee, John McGee, Thomas McGee, Thoroughgood, Ann and Elizabeth Brittanham, Abigail West, William McGee (Son of Josiah) Archibald McGee and Joseph Bonsell and that they are all the reputed heirs of Levin McGee who died without leaving a widow, children, father or mother.

(Signed) Benjamin McIlvaine  
(Signed) Frazier Gray

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 10th day of December, 1835.  
Jno. Ponder, J. P."

"I, Caleb P. Bennett, Governor of the State of Delaware: Do hereby certify that Levin McGee was an enlisted soldier in the Delaware Regiment during the war of the Revolution: He served both in the Northern and the Southern armies and it appears from a copy of a Muster Roll now in my possession, signed by Colonel A. H. William, that McGee was one of the survivors of the fatal field of Camden, (S.C.) and was attached to one of the two Companies formed from the remains of our Regiment after that battle--I do not recollect distinctly whether McGee fell in the last campaign or was disbanded with the Regiment at New Castle in October 1783, but my impression is that the latter was the case--Levin McGee was a soldier of merit--he served his country with Honor to the State, and reputation to himself."

Wilmington, Delaware,  
November 19, 1835."

(Signed) C. P. Bennett

"New Castle County, Delaware:

On the nineteenth day of November, 1835, before me, Alexander Macbeth, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of New Castle, personally appeared His Excellency Caleb P. Bennett, who being duly affirmed according to law, deposeth and says that the above account of the Revolutionary services of Levin McGee is strictly true to the best of his knowledge and belief. (underscoring by the writer)

(Signed) C. P. Bennett

Witness my hand and seal at  
Wilmington, the day and year  
above written.

A. Macbeth (seal)"





NOTE: The reproduction by copying these above shown affidavits in full has been for the purpose of being made a part of this Family Record Project. There are some features which attract special attention.

(A) There is no record (that has been found) that said Levin McGee--(Magee or Megee) was a resident or taxable of Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. Apparently he never married. By the same token, no record has been located to verify his birth or parents.

(B) These affidavits prove his existence; prove that he did enlist at Lewistown, Delaware, which at that time (in February 1780) was the County seat of Sussex County; proves that he served for the duration of the War and was discharged in October 1783; proves the "handed down, hearsay information" about a Levin McGee-Megee in the Revolutionary service, was correct and one can see how a story about Levin's service would be recalled, and passed along to descendants. Note the affidavits were made approximately 45 years after his reported death.

(C) Among those named as nearest heirs-at-law were:---William McGee, John McGee, Thomas McGee, who were sons of JOHN and ANN Megee, of Indian River Hundred. Thoroughgood, Ann and Elizabeth are presumed to be the children of Elizabeth (Megee) Brittanham who was a daughter of JOHN and ANN Megee. William McGee (son of Josiah) was a grandson of David and Mary (Macglanary) Magee, who were married in 1745 and said Josiah was born in 1757. Abigail West, Archibald McGee and Joseph Bonsell no doubt were grandchildren of David Magee's children, or others of the same degree of relationship as the Brittanham children.

The John McGee who appears to have been the proponent and was the signer of the first affidavit, was JOHN MEGEE Jr., son of JOHN (II) and ANN Megee his wife. Said John Jr. was born in 1780 and was about 55 years of age when this affidavit was made. He lived in the vicinity of Zoar, (see narrative of him under SECOND generation in Sussex County, Delaware, also of William and Thomas Megee, and their sister Elizabeth (Megee) Brittanham).

The heirs-at-law were named as nephews and nieces. Based upon past "handed down, hearsay information" Levin was always thought to be a brother or uncle of JOHN MEGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred. This would make said heirs-at-law as reported, to be grand nephews and grand nieces.

It has been suggested that said Levin was the youngest child of JOHN (I) and ELIZABETH MAGEE, his wife. Said JOHN (I) (died in 1729), left a will specifically naming six sons, (see APPENDIX "A") and after naming them, with certain conditions, etc., said--"The rest of my property to be divided among my seven children)" but no place in the will or in the settlement of the estate was the SEVENTH child named. However, the will was probated July 28, 1729, and no exceptions noted, therefore there must have been a seventh child.





The said LEVIN McGEE (as spelled in his enlistment and most of the references in the DELAWARE ARCHIVES heretofore named) may have lived with SAMUEL or JOHN (II) of Indian River Hundred. There were no Census records prior to 1790, and Delaware transmittal of that Census was lost. Around 1954, a "Reconstructed Census for 1790 for Delaware" was published by Leon DeValinger, Jr. State Archivist, Dover, Delaware. However, those listed were taken from the taxable list of property owners, and in the absence of owning property, said Levin McGee, would not have been included under Indian River or any other Hundred of Sussex County.

(D) These affidavits were made in 1835, probably more than 110 years after Levin's birth and 45 years after his reported death. Naturally all of his direct nephews and nieces had long since departed. This is offered to insure of including all pertinent data. He left no direct issue. The results of the Claim were not pursued.

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Sheet No. 2  
Supplementary  
APPENDIX "A" ONE

ISAIAH MAGEE-McGEE: The last one of the five names handed the Genealogist, Mrs. Potter, in early 1960 for investigation. He was listed as a taxable in Indian River Hundred in 1785, according to Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, (1609-----1888) along with JOHN (II) and SAMUEL.

In December 1959, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, (Mrs. Elsie (Lank) Robinson) of Lewes, R. D. 1, Delaware, advised the writer by mail that while engaged in some historical research which required a review of the Lewes Presbyterian Church records, that she had found the following entry, ---- "Isaiah McGee, married Comfort Ricketts, 7-14-1768."

The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, under date of February 13, 1960, advised, --- "Isaiah McGee married Comfort Ricketts, 7-14-1768, also that Arcada, daughter of Isaiah Magee was baptized 6-11-1769, C.S." (The C. S. stands for Cool Spring Section of the Lewes Presbyterian Circuit.)

No further authentic information has been reported (December 1962). It is unfortunate that some additional data has not been found in the records of Indian River Hundred, concerning other years as a taxable, death, estate settlement, Administrator, etc. Advice has been furnished that "admittedly there are some gaps in the records of the County and the several sub-districts called Hundreds" and apparently further information with respect to said Isaiah is among these gaps.

With this meager record, it is not possible to determine age, whether there were more children than Arcada in 1769, and the degree of relationship (if any) to JOHN MEGEE (II) of Indian River Hundred of the same general contemporary period.

By the course of analogy, one might presume that some family connection with JOHN MEGEE, namely, --- SAMUEL MAGEE is listed as being in Indian River Hundred from about 1748--1753, as reported by genealogist, Norris, and he was related to JOHN, in fact an uncle of some twenty-six years seniority on JOHN, and said SAMUEL died in 1791, some 21 or 22 years earlier than JOHN. They both had children registered and baptized at St. George's Chapel.

Isaiah was in the same general area of the same Hundred by 1768 as evidenced by his marriage, and the birth of their first child. He was listed as a taxable in 1785. The spelling of the name apparently depended upon who did the writing, (note the two ways spelled in the Church record.) Considering the Biblical names used among the earlier Somerset-Worcester Counties families, such as Peter, Moses, David, etc. there may well have been an ISAIAH. However, there are no data available to date other than quoted above, which does not yield any authenticated family "link". In order to round out the results of exploring, the aforementioned advices are being included.





Brief Resume'  
of  
Somerset-Worcester Counties, Maryland  
and  
First, Second and Third Generations in Sussex County  
Indian River Hundred, Delaware

First Record Somerset County: GEORGE AND MAUDLIN MAGEE, who had three sons with recorded births in Stepney Parish of Somerset County, namely: Thomas, b. 4-9-1686; Peter b. 6-30-1688; and Samuel b. September 4, 1691.

George died 1713, Administrator was John Magee (I) see Appendix "A".

Then there is John Magee (I) believed the same man as the Administrator for George in 1713--1714, and in the same immediate area of Wicomico, in Somerset County.

John (I) made a will 4-20-1728, which was probated 7-29-1729, and named his wife as Executrix, also named six sons specifically, etc. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

The sons were, -- George, John (Jr.), Peter, Samuel, Moses, and David. Note, that George, Peter and Samuel, (designated by the writer as (II for each) believed named for George who died in 1713, and two of his sons.)

Next Generation: Peter (II) estm'd birth 1711, son of John and Elizabeth, had two sons, namely JOHN and THOMAS. Each being designated as (II), and obviously named for JOHN (I) and THOMAS, eldest recorded son of George who died in 1713.

First in Indian River Hundred, Delaware: JOHN (II) son of Peter and Mary (Noble) Magee, and grand-son of JOHN (I) and his wife Elizabeth Magee. JOHN (II) married ANN in 1770, Somerset County, and among their eight (8) adult children born in Indian River Hundred were:

WILLIAM---PETER (II)---JOHN JR.---THOMAS (III) and MOSES (II)

Peter (III) could have been named in memory of grandfather.

Thomas (III) probably named for his uncle Thomas (II)

Moses (II) probably for great uncle Moses, son of John (I) and his wife Elizabeth Magee.

Second Generation Delaware: William Megee, son of JOHN (II) and ANN MEGEE, was married (1st time) in 1810 and named his third son MOSES b. 1819. This Moses was no doubt named for his uncle Moses, b. 1789, son of JOHN (II) and his wife ANN.





THOMAS, b. 1786, son of JOHN and ANN, had six sons, and among them were PETER, b. 1818, probably named for his uncle Peter, b. 1777, or for this great grandfather, Peter. Levin, b. 1825, probably named for the Levin who served in the Delaware Regiment of the American Revolution.

DAVID MAGEE, estimated b. 1719, the youngest named son of JOHN (I) and his wife Elizabeth. David married Mary Macglanary in October 1745, and their second child born in 1748, was named MOSES probably for his uncle Moses (estimated birth in 1716.)

These handed down names appear to have been by design, rather than by co-incidence. A sort of continued memory and representing the close held family contacts.

The family of JOHN (II) AND ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred is one of the most striking examples of a closely knit family. JOHN (II) died intestate. However, the eight (8) adult children as shown in the narrative for JOHN (II) divided "The JOHN MEGEE lands" by "Amicable Agreement," which was subsequently approved by the Court of Common Pleas for Sussex County, in April 1813, and deeds of transfer in later years referred to the "Amicable Agreement", etc.

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A P P E N D I X "B"  
Some of the MAGEES---McGEES---MEGEEES  
 of  
 Little Creek and Broad Creek Hundreds, Delaware  
 and  
 Their Descendants

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Concurrently with the research and development of all available data concerning JOHN and ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred from about 1773 until his death in early January 1813, and their descendants of Delaware, a number of others were located in the records of Sussex County and the State Archives at Dover, who spelled their names in one of the three varied ways, MAGEE, MEGEE, and McGEE, for whom no direct verified relationships were found.

A number of these several branches were followed up with mail inquiries, and in practically all instances a full measure of interest and cooperation were received promptly. Rather than discard these many bits of information, it was believed preferable to consolidate the large groups as an APPENDIX to the original PROJECT, by and with the approval of those contacted. The genesis of the above captioned APPENDIX "B" came about in this described manner and such data as hereinafter chronicled is being listed as information. No research was pursued beyond the sources named.

Developed concurrently by the genealogist checking Sussex County records and the State Archives at Dover, Delaware, and with the idea that it might be found apart of the overall research in connection with JOHN MEGEE and his wife ANN, of Indian River Hundred, the following data are cited as nearly as practicable in chronological order:

"Benjamin, son of John and Agnes Magee, baptized 11-7-1774, at Broad Creek."

"Under the Administrations, in the Archives at Dover,---Sussex County, Vol. A-86, p. 21, year 1797, Joshua Magee was Administrator of the estate of Benjamin Magee."

NOTE 1, by writer: The above information furnished by genealogist, Mrs. Potter, named in the INTRODUCTORY to this Project and many subsequent references.

NOTE 2, by writer: The Baptism of Benjamin Magee 11-7-1774, at Broad Creek, doubtless was in Christ Church (P.E.) at Broad Creek. See Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, 1609---1888, page 1315, Vol. II, which devotes considerable space to this Church which was identified with Stepney Parish, Somerset County, Maryland prior to the establishment of Delaware-Maryland boundary lines by the Court of Chancery of England. "The history of Stepney Parish, with which this church was connected, dates back to 1685, a period of more than two hundred and fifty years. The Rev. John Hewitt was the first Rector of Stepney Parish at this date (1685)."





From Scharf's history---"This church stands about two miles East of Laurel, etc." \*\*\*\*\* "The Rev. William Skelley took charge of the parish (Christ Church, Broad Creek) in 1780 and continued his rectorship until 1794."

As further orientation, see page 1315 Vol. II, Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, under Little Creek Hundred: "This hundred, situated on the East by Gumboro Hundred and on the West by the State of Maryland. Before the establishment of the State lines, all of the territory embraced in this hundred formed a part of Somerset County, Maryland."

NOTE 3, by writer: With respect to the Administration of Benjamin Magee's estate in 1797 by Joshua Magee; It would seem that John and Agnes Magee reached "Journey's End" prior to the decease of their son Benjamin, at the age of about 23 years, also said Benjamin died as a single man probably, and Joshua Magee born in 1771, (see later) could have been an older brother of Benjamin's.

The information from the County and State Archives earlier quote attracted attention because JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, Delaware, came from that portion of upper Somerset County, "of Wicomico". The earliest documented information of the Magees in Somerset County is shown in detail under APPENDIX "A" and they resided in what was known as "Wicomico" of that County, and in some deeds of record of their purchases and sales of lands, the language included this geographic description,---"Near the head of the Wicomico River, on the road leading from Barren Creek Mill to Broad Creek."

In response to an inquiry by the writer, advice was received that Alfred B. McGee of Laurel, Delaware, could probably supply the data for his line of the family, and that Mrs. J. Wheeler Campbell, (nee Nan Kenney) of Laurel, might be able to furnish or secure data for some of the earlier generations of the Little Creek-Broad Creek hundreds of this family of Magees--McGees--Megees.

The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, in addition to the listing of Benjamin's baptism and the Administration of his estate in 1797 by Joshua Magee, also listed Peter, Ephraim and Joshua Magee on the Assessment rolls of Little Creek Hundred in 1797.

There was a Peter McGee listed as a property owner of Little Creek Hundred in 1785. Also a Peter Megee listed as a property owner in Little Creek in the 1790 "Reconstructed U. S. Census for Delaware by Leon DeValinger, State Archivist". These two names probably covered the same man, but indicates again that the spelling of the name depended much on who did the writing. This feature of spelling was detailed at some length under the narrative for JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, designated as FIRST generation of the writer's family in that location. There was a Peter Magee listed on the U.S. Census records for 1800 and 1810 in Little Creek Hundred. In the last named decennial period he was listed in the age bracket of 26 years and under 45 years, with two children under ten years. This could have been a son or nephew of the 1785-1790 Peter McGee-Megee.





There was an Ephraim Megee listed on the U. S. Census for Little Creek Hundred in 1800 in the age bracket of 26 years and 45 years with one male under 10 years and one female in the 16 years to 26 years bracket, perhaps his wife.

There was a Joshua Megee on the U.S. Census records for Little Creek Hundred in 1800; the same for 1810 spelled as McGee, and for 1820 as Megee, and in 1830 as McGee, unquestionably the same man as the number of children in the household on the 1820 Census checks with the family of said Joshua listed later herein.

There would appear to be reasonable presumption that Joshua, born in 1771, was a son of John and Agnes Magee, whose son Benjamin was baptized at Broad Creek 11-7-1774. Joshua served as the Administrator of Benjamin's estate in 1797, and named his first son as Benjamin in 1799. Apparently this child died very young, as another son born 7-22-1817 was named Benjamin, and is listed later herein.

In the absence of documented records, it does not appear overly presumptuous to believe that Ephraim, Peter and Joshua all of Little Creek Hundred in a more or less contemporary period were related. In BK-AC 26, p. 139-140 Sussex County records, a John Magee is shown in 1778 as making an assignment to Peter Magee of a bond from Joseph Davenport-----100 acres on Broad Creek. One might speculate as to whether this was John, of the team John and Agnes Magee, father of Benjamin baptized in 1774, and the relationship of said John to Peter and Joshua.

The following information was received from Mrs. J. Wheeler Campbell under date of December 28, 1961:

"Records from the McGee Family Bible owned by Mr. Ray McGee of Laurel, Delaware, show:

"Joshua McGee, b. 8-21-1771, married (1st) Eunice (called Nicey) Baldwin on 11-27-1792. They had one child, Sallie Baldwin McGee, b. 3-9-1794. The mother, Nicey (Baldwin) McGee was "Called Home" 4-5-1794."

Mrs. Campbell advised that Sallie Baldwin McGee married Captain Robert Elzey; Also that reports indicated the said Sarah (Sallie Baldwin McGee) was a substantial beneficiary of Mrs. Sarah Baldwin widow of Caleb Baldwin who was reported as being very close to Joshua McGee Sr. and logically so, as the said Joshua's first wife was a sister to Caleb Baldwin, therefore an uncle to Sallie Baldwin McGee.

Note by writer: Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE 1609--1888 under Little Creek Hundred in Vol. II refers to Caleb Baldwin as a prominent land owner and industrialist of his time. He was the owner and operator of two mills on Little Creek, a stream from South of Portsville, Delaware.





"Joshua McGee was married a second time on 9-6-1798 the bride being Bridgett Dashiell, daughter of Winder and Ann (Jones) Dashiell. Their children:

Benjamin McGee	11-22-1799
Ann Dashiell "	3-22-1801
Peggy "	3- 2-1804
Bridgett "	3-30-1806
Hetty "	9-20-1808
Joshua "	1-21-1810
John Winder Dashiell McGee	6- 5-1815
Benjamin McGee	7-22-1817 = Total eight

NOTE: Obviously the first son Benjamin, (b. 11-22-1799) died very young. Three other instances have been observed in the research of the family records, where a younger child was given the same christian name as an older deceased member of the family unit.

The U. S. Census records for Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, shows the following item for the year 1820:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males		Free White Females		
	Under 10 years. of age	45 years and upwards inc. heads families	of ten yrs. and under 16	Of 16 & under 26 yrs.	45 years and upwards inc. heads families
Joshua Megee	3	1	2	2	1
Would be)	Joshua Jr. John W.D. Benjamin	Joshua, Sr.	Hetty Bridgett	Peggy Ann D.	Bridgett (wife)

NOTE: The above names are from the births of children of second marriage, and have been applied by the writer. The U. S. Census records did not name persons in a household other than the head of the family, until the Census of 1850.

Joshua, the head of the family, was 48 years old plus, in the first half of 1820, the period when the decennial Census records are checked, which checks with the age bracket in which he was listed. Sallie Baldwin McGee, b. 3-9-1794 by Joshua's first marriage was approximately 26 years old when the Cenus of 1820 was checked, and doubtless married.

The U. S. Census for 1830 lists Joshua McGee of Little Creek Hundred, with 3 white males at home under 20; and one white male (himself) "Of 50 years and under 60 years" bracket. Also white females, --One under five years (probably a granddaughter); Two of 20 years and under 30 years (apparently two of the daughters had married); One white female of 50 years and under 60 years (would be his wife Bridgett).

The 1840 U.S. Census for Little Creek Hundred does not list Joshua (Sr.) McGee--Magee--Megee, which would indicate that he apparently reached "Journey's End" during the decade between mid-1830 and mid-1840, at an age ranging from 60 to 69 years.





Based upon the information developed by the genealogist, concurrently with other research work, Joshua McGee Sr. was active in real estate as evidenced by deeds of record, and apparently in civic and community interests. According to information supplied by genealogist, Mrs. Potter, said Joshua Magee was one of the Trustees in 1809 of the M. E. Church of Little Creek Hundred.

Among the several deeds of record four or five spelled Joshua McGee, and a like number as Magee, for example:

Sussex County, Recorder of Deeds Office: Deed BK. AB 25, p. 513-514, year 1809 by Joshua Magee, to John Dashiell.

Deed BK. AG 30, p. 107 year 1811 Joshua Magee and wife Bridgett to Robert Elzey.

Deed AG 30, P. 146, 1812, Joshua Magee and wife Bridgett, land called Wallbrooke to John Dashiell.

In addition to the deed references above quoted concerning Joshua, Sr., the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, included the following data for Joshua McGee Jr., b. 1-21-1810, son of Joshua Sr. and Bridgett (Dashiell) McGee, were married (as shown in the Marriage Records, State Archives at Dover, Delaware) on 4-7-1838, to Sallie West. He apparently died in 1849, aged about 39 years. The U. S. Census records for 1850 for Sussex County shows:

Sarah Magee	-----age	25
Julia	-----"	10
Biddy	-----"	8
Hetty	-----"	6
Joshua	-----"	4
George W."	-----"	2

From Sussex County Orphan's Court, Georgetown, Delaware:

"Bk. AC 30, p. 537,--Petition made 9-11-1866 states Joshua Magee died intestate in March 1849 and left widow Sarah, the petitioner, and four children: Julia A. now wife of Jacob B. Jones; Biddy A. wife of James Johnson who has since deceased and left a husband and three children, namely, Joshua P. Julia A. and William T. Johnson; Hettie E. who died unmarried and without issue; and George W. Magee. Joshua the deceased had 168 acres in Broad Creek Hundred."

Bk. AI 36 in 1884--Petition of Julia A. Holloway to divide widow's thirds--widow of Joshua Magee deceased, (b. 1810---d. March 1849)---Said Julia A. Holloway was the Julia A. (Magee) Jones shown in Orphans Court proceedings of 1866, daughter of Joshua Magee Jr.

The 1850 U. S. Census records listed a Joshua Magee, aged four years as one of the children Joshua (Jr.) deceased, (1810---1849) and Sarah (West) Magee. His name did not appear on the petition of 1866, therefore he probably died at a youthful age.





George W. Magee, b. about 1848, son of Joshua Magee, (Jr.) b. 1-21-1810, and his wife Sarah (Sallie West) Magee, of Little Creek-- Broad Creek Hundreds. George W. and Laura C. Culver were married 4-12-1870. They had one child, a son, Arley B. Magee, b. 9-24-1873.

Apparently Laura C. (Culver) Magee died in the mid-1870s, as the Marriage Records at Dover, Delaware list---- "George W. and Mary E. Pennewill, 8-14-1880." No children shown by this marriage.

Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, Vol. II, page 1286, indicates that in 1887-1888 George W. McGee owned a portion of "Collins' Good Will" originally granted unto Thomas Sherman in 1741. Page 1287 of the same Volume lists twelve names as being among those who (in 1887-1888) now own the Melson lands, and included in this group was George W. Magee. On page 1288 of the same Volume II, under TRINITY M.P. Church "In the year 1873, George W. McGee gave land upon which to build a church" and in 1887 he was listed as one of the Trustees of this church. On page 1292 of the same volume, under THE MELSON MILLS---- in part--"About twenty-five years ago the "Little Mill" was owned by John Rodney, of David, and then Robert Rodney. The "Big Mill" came to William J. Warrington and Robert Lamden. The small mill stopped in 1882. "George W. Megee is now running the large mill." (about 1887-1888).

Arley B. Magee, b. 9-24-1873, son of George W. and Laura C. (Culver) Magee, married Katurah Wharton of Dover, Delaware, daughter of John B. and his wife B\_\_\_\_ (Townsend) Wharton, on 11-23-1898. Their issue: Arley B. Magee Jr.

Arley B. Sr. was one of Delaware's prominent Attorneys-at-Law for many years, and resided in Dover, Delaware.

Arley B. Magee Jr. married Louise Hurley of Seaford, Delaware. He was also a graduate of law, and a practicing Attorney in the State for many years.

NOTE: The data with respect to Arley B. Magee Sr. and Jr. was taken from W. L. Bevan's HISTORY OF DELAWARE, page 138, Volume III.

JOHN WINDER DASHIELL McGEE, b. 6-15-1815-----d. 12--13--1881, about 66 years old. He was a son of Joshua Sr. and Bridgett (Dashiell) McGee of Little Creek Hundred, Delaware.

NOTE 1: All data listed herein for JOHN W. D. McGEE, b. 1815 and descendants were supplied by Mrs. J. Wheeler Campbell, of Laurel, Delaware.

NOTE 2: By writer: The christian names of this son of Joshua Sr. are interesting. Winder Dashiell was the maternal grandfather of said JOHN W. D. and one might speculate as to whether the name JOHN, may





have been for his paternal grandfather, (the father of Joshua Sr.?) <sup>7</sup>

John Winder Dashiell McGee married Julia Ann Gordy, b. 7-12-1829.  
Their issue:

Martha Ann McGee	b. 7-16-1848
William Thomas "	b. 11-5-1849
Julia Jane "	b. 12-17-1853
Sarah Adeline "	b. 11-25-1856
Emma Alice "	b. 7-17-1861
Rosa Bell "	b. 4-13-1863
John Wesley "	b. 11-10-1865

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John Wesley McGee, b. 11-10-1865, was married 12-14-1884, to  
Annie Belle King, b. 11-25-1869, daughter of George E. and Margaret  
(West) King. Their children:

Raymond Edmonston McGee	b. 3-25-1890
Edna Elizabeth "	, b. June-1892
Carl Enoch "	, b. 2-24-1895

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Raymond Edmonston McGee, b. 3-25-1890, married Florence Morris  
on April 6, 1912. Their issue:

Annie Evelyn McGee	b. 10-28-1915
Erma Elizabeth "	b. 9-11-1917
John Raymond "	b. 10-27-1918
George Edson "	b. 8-23-1920
Richard Hollis "	b. 1-12-1923

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John Raymond McGee, b. 10-27-1918, son of Raymond Edmonston and  
Florence (Morris) McGee, and grandson of John Winder Dashiell and  
Julia Ann (Gordy) McGee, ---married Marie Peigh of Laurel, Delaware.  
Among their children was:

Priscilla Jane McGee, b. 5-25-1941

Priscilla Jane McGee, married Richard Allen McGee, b. 6-16-1938,  
son of Elisha E. and Ruth Ann (Moore) McGee. They were married in  
Luray, Virginia, 9-9-1961.

Richard Allen graduated from Georgetown High School, and was sub-  
sequently graduated in 1961 from the University of Delaware, with B.S.  
in Electrical Engineering.

Richard Allen McGee is a descendant of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of  
Indian River Hundred. Said John being a grandson of John (I) of  
Somerset County, Maryland, who died in 1729. Said JOHN of Indian  
River Hundred was born about 1740, a son of Peter Magee, b. about  
1711. JOHN AND ANN came to Indian River Hundred about 1773 and he  
reached "Journey's End" in early January 1813. Thence William Megee,





b. 9-30-1775; Thence John R. Megee, b. 1-1-1823; Thence William H. Megee, 5-11-1850; Thence Ward Thomas McGee, b. 7-19-1878; Thence Elisha E. McGee, b. 4-17-1913.

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Carl Enoch McGee, b. 8-24-1895, son of John Wesley and Anna Belle (King) McGee, a grandson of John Winder Dashiell McGee and a great grandson of Joshua Sr.--b. 8-21-1771 and Bridgett (Dashiell) McGee.

Carl E. married Anna Elizabeth Hitchens, b. 3-19-1900, daughter of Edmund and Lillie Monroe Hitchins. They were married 9-10-1918. Their children:

Anna Elizabeth McGee, b. 1-21-1920  
 Carlton Jennings " ", b. 11-22-1921

Carl E. reached "Journey's End" 3-2-1958, aged 63 years. His widow Anna Elizabeth (Hitchens) was "Called Home" 4-7-1958, aged 58 years. She survived her husband approximately one month.

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 Anna Elizabeth McGee, b. 1-21-1920, was married on 2-12-1954, to Dr. Charles E. Moore, of Seaford, Delaware. They have one child, a daughter, --- Marcia Monroe Moore, b. 2-22-1957.

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 Carlton Jennings McGee, (known as Jennings) b. 10-22-1921, married Genevieve Marshall Spry, on 8-6-1949. They have one child, a daughter Jennifer Ellen McGee, b. 10-11-1958.

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BENJAMIN F. McGEE, b. 7-22-1817----d. 1-19-1849 (age about 31½ years) the youngest of eight children by the marriage of Joshua (his 2nd) (Sr.) and Bridgett (Dashiell) McGee. Said Benjamin F. was married 11-19-1840 to Julia Ann Elliott. Their children:

Hetty Ann McGee b. 8-11-1842  
 Jacob Benjamin" b. 9-22-1843---died 9-27-1844  
 John William " b. 12-17-1845 } Twins  
 Mary J. " b. 12-17-1845 }

Sussex County Orphans Court, Bk. W- p. 98-100; "Benjamin McGee died intestate, in Little Creek Hundred, left widow Julia Ann and children Hetty Ann; John William and Mary J. twins."

The widow Julia Ann (Elliott) McGee was married a second time on 5-8-1851, her husband being John Workman. Their children:

Harvey E. -- b. 2-16-1852; Sarah E. 6-20-1853; Joseph T. 6-18-1864.

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John William McGee, (known as John W.) b. 12-17-1845, one of twins, was married in 1868 to Mary E. Gordy. Their children:

Jacob Benjamin McGee, b. 7-18-1869  
 Sallie A. " , b. 10-16-1870  
 John E. " , b. 8-14-1878

Mary E. (Gordy) McGee reached "Journey's End" 7-23-1887, aged thirty-eight years and seven months.

John W. was married a second time on 1-9-1889, the bride being Sallie M. Elliott. No children reported by this marriage. John W. was "Called Home" 10-24-1920, age about 74 years and 10 months. Sallie M. (Elliott) McGee reached "Journey's End" on May 30, 1929.

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Mary J. McGee, b. 12-17-1845, one of twins, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Julia Ann (Elliott) McGee. She married \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. She was "Called Home" 1-20-1880, aged about 35 years.

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Jacob Benjamin McGee, (known as Jacob) b. 7-18-1869, a son of John W. and Mary E. (Gordy) McGee. He was married 12-14-1892 to Emma Hastings. Their children:

Mary E. McGee, b. 6-31-1893 -----unmarried as of 1962.  
 Emma T. b. 4-23-1895 { Married Thomas G. Roberts 9-25-1924. They had one child now deceased.  
 Estella H. Long b. 2-10-1897 { Married George H. Gordy. They have seven children.



Alfred B. McGee, b. 8- 5-1899	{	Married Nellie West. No children.
Martha F. " , b. 11-28-1901		Married Joseph C. Morris. Have two children.
Sallie Mae " , b. 11-24-1904		Married Marion White. Have eight children.
William B. " , b. 11-18-1907		Unmarried---died 3-10-1949.
Sarah E. " , b. 2- 4-1911		Married Ira Lee West. They have seven children.
Elsie R. " , b. 1-11-1913		Married Clarence Huston of Seaford, Delaware. Have three children.

Mrs. Emma (Hastings) McGee reached "Journey's End" March 1, 1950.

Jacob B. McGee was "Called Home" November 6, 1953, aged 84 years and 3 months. This couple by reason of a partnership of more than 57 years became members of that rather exclusive group, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, in December 1942.

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Sallie Ann McGee, b. 10-16-1870, daughter of John W. and Mary E. (Gordy) McGee, was married 12-17-1889, to Charles J. Moore. She was "Summoned Home" in February 1914, aged about 43 years and 3 months. They had no children.

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John E. McGee, b. 8-14-1878, the youngest of three children of John W. and Mary E. (Gordy) McGee. He was married in 1900 to Anne P. Cordrey, of Millsboro, Delaware. Their children:

J. Cordrey McGee, b. 1903  
 Mary Lillian " , b. \_\_\_\_\_

John E. McGee reached "Journey's End" in July 1954, about 76 years and 11 months. With a partnership of more than half a century, John E. and Anne P. (Cordrey) McGee became members of the somewhat exclusive group, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, as of about 1950.

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J. Cordrey McGee, b. 1903, married Anna Faucett, of Georgetown, Delaware. As of 1961 he was Vice President of the Branch unit of the Farmers Bank of Delaware, located at Dagsboro, Delaware. Their child:

Jeanne McGee

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Mary Lillian McGee, the younger of the two children of John E. and Mary E. (Gordy) McGee, married Kendall Hudson. They have no children.

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NOTE 1: Alfred B. McGee of Laurel, Delaware, supplied all of the data for Benjamin F. McGee, b. 7-22-1817, the youngest of eight children of Joshua and (his 2nd m.) Bridgett (Dashiell) McGee, and descendants, with the exception of John E. McGee, b. 8-14-1878, which data as listed was supplied by J. Cordrey McGee.

NOTE 2: It is hoped these data, with respect to Joshua Magee-McGee Sr. b. 8-21-1771, and those of his descendants chronicled herein, which were developed as heretofore described on page one of this APPENDIX "B" may be of interest and value to those who see it. Also that it will be of distinct help to anyone who may at some future time, have the desire to further pursue the research of said Joshua Sr. (both his ancestors and those of his descendants not herein listed.)

This brings to a close APPENDIX "B" of this overall PROJECT.

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## A P P E N D I X "C"

### The John Louis Megee Family of Milton, Sussex County, Delaware

Among the data developed concurrently with the research in connection with the ancestors of ----- and descendants from JOHN and ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, was the above listed John Louis Megee family. There is no proven relationship, however, the fact they were from Broadkiln Hundred, (adjacent to Indian River Hundred) and their spelling of the name as MEGEE prompts the presentation of the data developed, as information. This handling is with the cooperation and approval of the descendants of John Louis, and one of the descendants of his brother William Scott Megee.

### William McGee of Broadkiln Hundred

The U. S. Census of 1830 for Sussex County, Delaware, lists the above mentioned name as head of a household:

Name	Male of 5 yrs. but under 10	Male of 30 & under 40	Female of 10 & under 15 yrs.	Female of 30 & under 40
William McGee	One	One (said William)	One	One Apparently wife

The U. S. Census for 1840, carries this item:

Head of Household	Male 15 yrs but under 20 years	Male of 40 & under 50	Female of 20 & under 30	Female of 60 & under 70
William McGee	One	One	One	One

The U. S. Census for 1850 lists under Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County:

William Megee	Age 61 years	Residence shown as Milton, Delaware
George Megee	" 29 "	No others listed in this household

NOTE: The Census records prior to 1850 listed only the name of the head of a household, with others residing therein, under "age brackets". The 1830 and 1840 Census records are self explanatory, for example in 1830, a son and William, himself, with a daughter and a female between 30 and 40 years, presumably his wife. For 1840 the same household members except, that apparently his wife had reached "Journey's End", and an older relative, or housekeeper between 60 and 70 years was in said household.

The 1850 U. S. Census was the first, that listed the names of all persons in a household. The daughter was either married, (being in the age bracket of) "30 years and under 40" were she living, or she may have been "Summoned Home" during the previous decade. The Census report spells the name as Megee in 1850. (end of note).





The marriage File in the Hall of Records, (for Sussex County) at Dover, Delaware, lists the following item:

"Sussex County, George W. Magee and Mary Vauss, 6-14-1851, by Rev. T. A. Moore".

The U. S. Census report for Broadkiln Hundred, Sussex County, for 1870, shows the following item No. 250, P.O. Georgetown, Delaware:

George W. Megee,	Age	49,	Farmer,	Broadkiln Hundred,	Est. b.	1821
Mary	"	"	42,	(Wife),	Estimate birth	1828
Sarah E.	"	"	16,	{Dau}	"	1854
William S.	"	"	11,	{Son}	"	1858
George E.	"	"	9,	"	"	1860
John L.	"	"	8,	"	"	1862
Julia A.	"	"	7,	{Dau}	"	1863

The U. S. Census for Broadkiln Hundred in 1880, carried the following item, page 430

George W. Megee,	Age	59,	Husband,	Farmer,	----	Broadkiln Hundred
Mary	"	"	51,	(Wife)	"	"
William S.	"	"	22,	{Son}	"	"
John L.	"	"	17,	"	"	"
Julia A.	"	"	16,	{Dau}	"	"

The 1880 Census indicates that Sarah E. had married, and that George E. had married or had reached "Journey's End". (the latter proved later to be the correct answer).

NOTE: The above completes the data collected concurrently with the research of Sussex County records, for ancestors of --- or descendants from --- JOHN AND ANN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred.

The following was received from Mrs. Hildreth S. Fithian, (nee Mary Louise Megee) of Woodstown, New Jersey, October 1962:

"Sarah E. Megee, b. about 1854, daughter of George W. and Mary V. Megee was married to Wesley Barber, and moved to Millville, N. J."

"Julia A. Megee, b. about 1863, daughter of George W. and Mary V. Megee, married Joseph Lloyd and moved to Wildwood, N. J. They had children.

"William S. Megee, married Elizabeth Hickman and had five children. Will get the information about his family and furnish later."

"John Louis Megee, b. in 1862, son of George W. and Mary V. Megee, was married 12-26-1886 to Emily Jane Robinson, b. 8-12-1870, at Red Bank, New Jersey, daughter of John and Julia Robinson, of Milton, Delaware. Married by Rev. J. Earl Maloy. Their children:





Viola Coulter Megee, b. 11-19-1887, at Milton, Delaware  
 Mary Louise " , b. year 1890-----d. 1894, Milton, Delaware  
 Mary Louise " , b. 12-25-1894, and named for her older sister,  
 who died earlier in 1894

John L. Megee owned and operated a barber shop for many years in the town of Milton, Delaware, a highly respected citizen and as reported by the older daughter, in submitting her family data,---- "He had a happy and cheerful disposition, a devoted family man and a good provider."--- He reached "Journey's End" in 1936, aged 74 years. His widow died 10-4-1940, in Woodstown, New Jersey --- Both were buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, at Milton, Delaware.

NOTE: Mrs. Mary (Megee) Fithian advised that her paternal grandfather was George W. Megee, that he was born in 1821 and died October 9, 1888, aged about 67 years. She said that she had not been able to verify or locate any information concerning earlier family data, other than her grandfather. She indicated that her cousin, Mrs. Lou Weisgerber, a daughter of Joseph and Julia A. (Megee) Lloyd, of Wildwood, New Jersey had supplied that data with respect to her grandfather George W.

NOTE: Continued---Mrs. Viola (Megee) McMullin, Talman, later advised that she recalled hearing her father say that his ancestors were of Scotch-North Irish descent but had no information she could add to what her sister, Mrs. Fithian had furnished.

#### Children and Descendants of John L. and Emily Jane (Robinson) Megee

William McGee--Megee, aged 61 years on the 1850 U. S. Census, would make an estimated birth of about 1789 for him, and in the absence of earlier data, would make him the first authenticated generation of this branch of the family in Sussex County. George W. Megee, as spelled on all records seen, beginning with the U. S. Census of 1850, with the single exception of the marriage record in 1851, which was spelled as--Magee,---would rate said George as second generation, and John Louis Megee, with his brothers and sisters, as third generation in Sussex County, Delaware.

4th                      Viola Coulter Megee, b. 11--19--1887, at Milton, Dela-  
 Gener- ware. She was married (1st) on 10-3-1906 to John Augustine  
 ation: McMullin Jr. born 7-14-1888 in Philadelphia, son of John  
          Augustine Sr. and Mary Elizabeth (Magner) McMullin of Phil-  
          adelphia. Their children:

5th                      Regina McMullin, b. 9- 3-1907, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Gener- John Augustine III 4- 6-1909, " " "  
 ation: Charles Vincent 7-17-1911, " Denver, Colorado

John A. McMullin Jr., b. 7-14-1888, moved to Denver, and reached "Journey's End" in that city, 9-2-1913, aged 25 years plus about 1½ months. His widow, Viola C. was married a second time on 8-14-1919, the groom being Emmet Lee Talman, son of William Howard Talman of Richmond, Va.





No children by this marriage. They moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma shortly after their marriage, where he was engaged in the Investment business. He was "Summoned Home" suddenly on September 28, 1946, aged about 67 years. His widow Viola C. (Megee) Talman has continued to reside in Tulsa, in the family home. As of late 1962 she had lived in that city for 42 years.

Mrs. Talman says that she has enjoyed the several decades in the 17th largest State in area, and has seen a tremendous growth in every direction. NOTE: (Oklahoma became a State in 1907, and Viola C. (Megee) Talman has truly lived through a very historic period of development in that great State.)

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Regina McMullin, b. 9-3-1907, in Philadelphia, attended Oklahoma State University, at Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she was enrolled in the School of Commerce. She has been employed in Tulsa since that time, 28 years with the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, (new name changed to Pan American Petroleum Corporation) a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company of Indiana. She resides with her mother in the family home.

5th  
Gener-  
ation: John A. McMullin III, b. 4-6-1909, in Philadelphia. He was married 1-1-1934, to Margaret Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of James K. and Mabel (Nightingale) Crawford, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. No children.

John has been employed by "The Oklahoma Natural Gas Company" since he finished school, which has been about 34 years. He is area Sales Manager of the Oklahoma City district. Very active in Civic affairs, a member of the Rotary Petroleum Clubs, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Country Club and several other activities.

5th  
Gener-  
ation: Charles V. McMullin, b. 7-17-1911, in Denver, Colorado, the youngest of three children, was a champion swimmer in both High School and the University of Tulsa. He was Captain of the University team of swimmers. Charles was married 9-12-1934, to Dorothy Ellyn Zapf, daughter of William F. and Gertrude (Lamprich) Zapf, of Tulsa. Their children:

Jean Ellyn, b. 11-25-1937, at Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Betty Louise, b. 8-25-1939, " Centralia, Illinois  
Charles V. Jr. b. 3-27-1944, in Evansville, Indiana

Charles was employed by the Shell Oil Company soon after finishing school. He was transferred to Denver, Colorado about 1955. They enjoyed Denver, however, after an attack of Angina Pectoris, his physician suggested a warmer climate. He requested an early retirement, and subsequently moved to Arizona. He was 50 years old when he retired. After resting for a year, he became associated in business at Sun City, Arizona, late in 1962.

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6th                    Jean Ellyn McMullin, was married 6-13-1959, to Errol E.  
Gener-                Ryland, son of Enos W. Ryland, of Denver. He graduated from  
ation:                Colorado State University in 1960, and is employed by the  
                      State of Colorado in its Wild Life department, and they live  
                      at Durango, Colorado. Their children:

7th                    Robert Ryland, b. 3-24-1961, in Denver, Colorado  
Gener-                Ellyn Louise    b. 6-29-1962, in Durango, Colorado  
ation:

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6th                    Betty Louise McMullin, b. 8-25-1939, at Centralia,  
Gener-                Illinois, was married 8-17-1958, to Kenneth T. Larson, son  
ation:                of Clarence Larson, of Loveland, Colorado. Their children:

7th                    Steven James Larson, b. 6-14-1959, at Delta, Colorado  
Gener-                Scott Michael    "    , b. 9-21-1961, "    Sterling, Col.  
ation:

Kenneth graduated from Colorado State Teachers College,  
in Greeley, Colorado, majoring in History and Athletics. He  
is Athletic Coach and History Teacher in High School at  
Sterling, Colorado. Betty won a scholarship and attended  
the same State Teachers College where she met Kenneth.

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4th                    Mary Louise Megee, b. 12-25-1894, at Milton, Delaware,  
Gener-                the younger of the two adult daughters of John Louis and  
ation:                Emily Jane (Robinson) Megee. She was married 7-1-1917 to  
                      Hildreth Samuel Fithian, b. 7-7-1895, son of Samuel and  
                      Jennie (Du Bois) Fithian, of Darestown, New Jersey. Their  
                      children were:

5th                    Samuel Hildreth Fithian, b. 4-7-1925, at Milton  
Gener-                John Megee                    "    , b. 6-26-1927, "    "  
ation:                Mary Jane DuBois            "    , b. 9-18-1930, "    "

Hildreth Samuel (known as Hildreth S.) entered the serv-  
ice of the United States Army in September 1917, trained at  
Camp Dix, New Jersey until September 1918. From the latter  
date until April 1919, he served in Germany. He was honor-  
ably discharged in April 1919.

The Hildreth S. Fithians have resided in Woodstown,  
New Jersey for many years. As of late 1962, Hildreth S.  
is a retiree of the E. I. duPont Company, and they are  
spending the "gift" years of their retirement in that lo-  
cation, with an annual return to Milton, Delaware during  
the summers, or more often as may be convenient.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Samuel Hildreth Fithian, (known as Samuel), b. 4-7-1925, entered Military service 4-28-1944, Seaman Second Class. Service Boats and Stations served on:---N.R.S. Camden, N. J.: NTS. Bainbridge, Maryland; NRS. Shoemaker, California; Com. Air Force Pacific Fleet. Was awarded the Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, and Asiatic Pacific Medal. He was honorably discharged July 23, 1946.

Samuel H. is unmarried and resides at home in Woodstown, New Jersey as of early 1963.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: John Megee Fithian, (known as John), b. 6-26-1927 at Milton, Delaware. He was married 10-16-1950, to Doris Louise Pennal, b. 5-8-1927, at Woodstown, New Jersey, daughter of Floyd N. and Harriet Jessie (Green) Pennal. Their children:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Patrician Ann, b. 10-21-1951, in Philadelphia  
Joy Louise, b. 10-22-1953, " Woodbury, N. J.  
Cindy Lee, b. 8-31-1956, " " "  
Jo Ann, b. 12-21-1961, " " " "

John M. served in the U. S. Navy 7-23-1945 to 7-14-1946. Because this period of service was nine (9) days less than a year, he was required to serve in the Korean War, in the U. S. Army from October 23, 1950 to October 22, 1952.

John M. and his wife Doris L. Fithian with their children reside in Woodstown, New Jersey, as of early 1963.

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5th  
Gener-  
ation: Mary Jane Du Bois Fithian, b. 9-18-1930, at Milton, Delaware, was married 12-26-1952 to William Locuson, son of Samuel and Mary Locuson, of Woodstown, New Jersey. Their issue:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Emily Jane Locuson, b. 8-15-1953, in Salem, New Jersey

Mary Jane Du Bois was married a second time, on 4-3-1956, the groom being Paul Edward Hanna, son of James and Bessie Hanna, of Woodstown, New Jersey. Their issue:

6th  
Gener-  
ation: Paul Edward Hanna Jr., b. 5-26-1957, in Salem, New Jersey

Paul E. Hanna Sr., entered Military service 11-27-1950. He served six months at Fort Hood, Texas, and 18 months at Mainz, Germany. He was honorably discharged 10-31-1952.

Paul E. Sr. and his wife, Mary Jane Du Bois (Fithian) Hanna and family reside in Woodstown, New Jersey.





This brings to a close the family of John Louis Megee, and descendants to date (early 1963). Both Mrs. Talman and Mrs. Fithian have been very prompt and cooperative in supplying the data quoted herein, and have expressed much interest in the general project. Both regret their inability to supply any verified data prior to that quoted from the U. S. Census records of 1830--1840--and 1850, with no verification of their own records prior to George W. Megee, b. in 1821.

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3rd  
Gener- William Scott Megee, b. 3-12-1858, the oldest son of  
ation: George W. and Mary (Vauss) Megee, of Broadkiln Hundred,  
Sussex County, Delaware. The Marriage File in the Hall of  
Records in Dover, Delaware shows this item:---"William S.  
Megee and Elizabeth Hickman, 11-4-1883, by Rev. J. H. Elle-  
good". Their five adult children were:

4th  
Gener- Cora Mae (Megee) Mitchell, date of birth and date of  
ation: marriage not furnished. She is reported as having reached  
"Journey's End" in August 1938 or 1939, with burial in  
Slaughter Neck Methodist Church Cemetery, on Milford-Milton  
highway.

Tillie Elizabeth (Megee) Blizzard, a widow residing in  
Milton, Delaware as of 1962.

Virginia Truitt (Megee) Conway, Stuart. She was "Called  
Home" in November 1957 or 1958. Burial at Slaughter Neck  
Methodist Church Cemetery, on the Milford-Milton highway.

Harry Megee, reported living in the Cave Neck area, near  
Milton, Delaware, as of mid-year 1962.

Matilda W. (Megee) Jerman, b. 12-21-1896, the youngest  
of the five adult children. She married Thomas E. Jerman.  
He reached "Journey's End" approximately late Summer 1962,  
age 65 years. He was survived by his wife, said Matilda  
W., five daughters,---Mrs. Peggy Onrake, Mrs. Mary E. Bush  
of Lewes; Mrs. Clara M. Scarborough, Milford; Mrs. Elsie M.  
Bounds, Dover, Delaware; Mrs. Etta Bush, Lewes. Four sons,  
William E. of Greenwood, Raymond W. of Riverside, Calif-  
ornia; Harold E. of Milford; Thomas E. Jr., Millville; and  
19 grandchildren.

Mrs. Matilda W. (Megee) Jerman, a short time after the  
loss of her husband, was taken to California by her son  
Raymond W. Jerman, for a few months, with the hope of bene-  
fitting her health.

William S. Megee, by trade was a Carpenter and lived in the town  
and vicinity of Milton, Delaware, for the major portion of his life.  
He died 1-19-1940, apparently about 81 years and 10 months old.  
Burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Milton, Delaware. His widow, Anna  
Elizabeth (Hickman) Megee is reported as having reached "Journey's  
End" in 1957.

The above data was sent by Mrs. Matilda W. (Megee) Jerman, in  
a letter from her son Raymond dated 1-14-1963, to Mrs. Hildreth S.  
Fithian, Woodstown, New Jersey, who passed the information along to  
the writer.

Mrs. Jerman further confirmed that her grandfather and grand-  
mother were George W. and Mary Megee. Additionally, that her uncle  
George E. Megee listed on the 1870 U.S. Census as nine years old,--  
died as a young man of typhoid fever, and is believed to have been  
buried in Betts' Cemetery, near Milton, Delaware.





NOTE: No information has been found in Delaware records, which offers any proven data concerning the parents, or origin of WILLIAM McGEE of Broadkiln Hundred, as listed in the U.S. Census of 1830, 1840 and 1850. The spelling of the name depended a great deal on who did the writing, in collecting Census reports, or recording taxables, or other statistics.

The writer of this Project has been asked by two people of the Milton-Georgetown area in the last year or two, if JOHN L. MEGEE, the Barber of Milton was related, or included in the Family Tree Project. This Appendix "C" shows all the information that has been located.

There is a very remote possibility that the said William of Broadkiln Hundred in 1830, etc. may have been a distant cousin of JOHN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred, based upon the following:

There was a Levin Magee, or McGee, who enlisted at Lewis Town, Delaware, for "the duration of the Revolutionary War". He was honorably discharged in October 1783. In the Autumn of 1835 the records show a claim filed against the Federal Government in connection with the said LEVIN McGEE (as spelled in the enlistment). There were affidavits filed presumably on behalf of certain of the grandnephews and grandnieces of the said LEVIN McGee who was reported as having "died in 1790, without leaving parents, wife or children". Among the signers of the affidavit were three sons of the aforementioned JOHN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred, namely,-- William, John Jr. and Thomas, whose dates of birth were 1775---1780 and 1786 respectively. Among the other signers was a "William McGee son of Josiah".

The said JOSIAH Magee, was born in 1757, a son of David Magee of Somerset County, Maryland, "near the head of the Wicomico river." Said David was born in 1719. Josiah enlisted at Salisbury Town, Maryland and served in the American Revolution. Josiah Magee was a second cousin of JOHN MEGEE, b. about 1740, in upper Somerset County, Maryland, son of Peter Magee, b. about 1711. JOHN AND HIS WIFE ANN are reported as living in Indian River Hundred in 1775, the first generation of this FAMILY TREE PROJECT, in that location of Sussex County, Delaware.

This remote possibility of kinship is strictly a gratuitous presumption without a single iota of proven evidence. The only reason for the presumptive statement is that in 1835, the person who signed the affidavit as "William, son of Josiah" was obviously in the area of Georgetown, Delaware, where the said affidavit was produced. And there was a William McGee of Broadkiln Hundred, which at that time, (October and November 1835), adjoined Indian River Hundred. The present Georgetown Hundred was established in 1833, but the Act was repealed effective January 31, 1835, according to Scharf's HISTORY OF DELAWARE 1609--1888, and Georgetown Hundred was not again established until 1861.





It is possible that said William McGee or Megee of Broadkiln Hundred, was only a few miles at the most, from the homes of John Jr. and Thomas Megee of Indian River Hundred, (William, son of JOHN MEGEE was living in Baltimore Hundred in 1835.) There is no proven record of William of Broadkiln Hundred prior to 1830.

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A P P E N D I X "D"  
to  
The Family Tree Historical Project  
of  
JOHN AND ANN MEGEE (and/or Their Descendants)  
Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware

APPENDIX "D"  
A Family of Magees---Megees---McGees  
of  
Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware

In early 1951 (after almost a decade of total suspension of work) the FAMILY TREE PROJECT was reactivated with a check of the U. S. Census reports for 1850, of all MEGEES---MAGEES---McGEES listed in Sussex County, Delaware. This was the first U. S. Census which listed the names of all persons in a household.

Among the data developed from this check was the following item:

Baltimore Hundred, year of 1850

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
John Magee	39	Farmer Born in Maryland, Est'd. b. 1811
Arcada "	39	(Wife) 1811
William J.	16	
Jesse P.	14	
Charles H.	12	
Levin H.	6	
Henrietta C.	4	
Thomas B.	2	

The above family did not seem to "fit" in the known ancestors or descendants of JOHN and ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred. However, these data were not discarded, even though progress on the overall PROJECT had again been delayed.

Following the writer's retirement in late 1958 and the resumption of work on the FAMILY TREE PROJECT, a news item was noticed in a Sussex County paper in the early Spring of 1960, which prompted a letter to Mrs. Lillian B. Hudson of the Selbyville-Williamsville district of Sussex County. The major portion of the reply from Mrs. Hudson is quoted below:

"Selbyville, Delaware  
May 1, 1960

Dear Mr. Megee:

No doubt you think I am slow in answering your letter, but have been trying to collect more data concerning my line of the McGee family. I will be eighty years old in August and my father died when I was nine years old. I was the third child, the first two died when they were six and seven years old. I do not remember a great deal about my father's people. I think that grandfather McGee died comparatively young, anyway I recall hearing my Mother say so,





and that my father left home before he was married and migrated West. He and my mother corresponded and later he returned home and they were married.

Here are some names and dates if they will be of any help to you. My father's name was Levin H. McGee, born August 24, 1844----died March 23, 1891 (approximately 46 years and 7 months). He married Elizabeth Stephens, born September 13, 1851-----died March 4, 1934, age about 82 years and six months.

Father had four brothers, namely: William J.---Jesse---Charles and Tom.

William J. was born 8-11-1834-----died 8-11-1905, aged 71 years. His wife Elizabeth Ann died 1-22-1897, aged 66 years 9 months 1 day.

I have two children, Mrs. Olive Daisey and Archie B. Hudson, addresses of both are Selbyville, R. D. 1, Delaware.

If we can find anything more about the family will let you know, and if you locate more information than we have supplied, will you please let know. Thanking you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Lillian B. Hudson"

Under date of May 20, an acknowledgment was made, with all data available, including the U. S. Census of Baltimore Hundred for 1850, listing the record of her grandfather John Magee and wife Arcada and their children. Note the Census record confirmed Mrs. Hudson's statement as to the names of the four brothers of her father Levin H.

No further information was received. In the meantime additional data have been developed by the genealogist, Mrs. Potter, concurrently with the research of all County and State records available for Delaware, plus certain information from Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland, which were found during the research for ancestors of JOHN MEGEE, of Indian River Hundred. (See Appendix "A" attached hereto.)

All data collected, plus the information from Mrs. Lillian B. Hudson and children; Mrs. Elmer B. West (nee Bertha E. McGee, daughter of George H. Magee-McGee and Estella (Long) McGee; and Mrs. Viola (Magee) Murray, daughter of Ira F. and Annie (Bunting) Magee, have been submitted those three immediately above named for review, revision and additions. They have approved of this APPENDIX "D" to the overall FAMILY TREE PROJECT, with the thought that the material will be of interest and value to their respective families and possibly some future researchers.





U. S. Census---for Year 1850  
Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware

Name	Age	Additional Information			
John Magee	39	Farmer, Born in Maryland, Estimated Birth			
Arcada "	39	(Wife),	"	"	1811
William J.	16	(Son) ,	"	"	1834
Jesse P.	14	" ,	"	"	1836
Charles H.	12	" ,	"	"	1838
Levin H.	6	" ,	"	"	1844
Henrietta C.	4	(Dau) ,	"	"	1846
Thomas B.	2	(Son) ,	"	"	1848

NOTE: The years of estimated births were filled in by the writer, based upon the reported age shown on the U. S. Census record.

No further record found for Henrietta C.----The records of the five sons to the extent data was picked up by the genealogist during other research activities, or furnished by Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. West or Mrs. Murray are being listed as follows:

From U. S. Census Records, Baltimore Hundred, for Year 1870

William J. Magee	Age 35	Farmer	-----Birth	1834
Elizabeth Ann	" 37	(Wife)	-----"	1833
Sarah E.	" 15	(Dau)	-----"	1855
William H.	" 10	(Son)	-----"	1860
Joshua R.	" 7	"	-----"	1863
John W.	" 4	"	-----"	1866
Mary J.	" 1	(Dau)	-----"	1869

According to the letter from Mrs. Hudson in 1960, the above William J. Magee died August 11, 1905, aged 71 years. His wife Elizabeth Ann died 1-22-1897, aged 66 years 9 months 1 day. No further information supplied by members of the family or located by the genealogist concurrently with other research work, concerning the children of William J. Magee above listed.

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From U. S. Census Records, Baltimore Hundred, for Year 1870

Charles H. Magee	Age 30	Farmer	Estimated b. based on Census,	1840
Hester J.	" 30	(Wife)	" " " " "	1840
Susan M.	" 5	(Dau)	" " " " "	1865
Mary C.	" 4	(Dau)	" " " " "	1866
Martha E.	" 2	(Dau)	" " " " "	1868
Charles W.	" 1/12th year		" " " " "	1870

Apparently Charles H. was married about 1863. His name was spelled as MEGEE on the 1870 Census record. He was probably "Summoned Home" at a comparatively early age between 1871 and 1875, as his wife re-married in the early Spring of 1877 (see Jesse P. Magee).





No subsequent record developed for Susan M. (aged 5 on 1870 Census record). Daughters Mary C. and Martha E. are included on the 1880 U. S. Census under the family of Jesse P. Megee (see the latter's second marriage).

Charles Willis Magee, b. 4-9-1870, the youngest of four children by Charles H. and Hester J. (Stevens) Magee, listed on the 1870 U. S. Census. He married Kate Shockley and they had one son namely:

Calvin Magee, b. 8-31-1900

Charles Willis was married a second time, the bride being Alice Lewis, and they had a daughter, namely:

Gertrude Lewis Magee'

Charles W. was a farmer and lived near Roxana, Baltimore Hundred, Delaware, the greater portion of his active working life. He reached "Journey's End" in August 1933, aged about 63 years. His widow, Alice (Lewis) Magee was "Called Home" in 1962.

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Calvin Magee, b. 8-31-1900, married Nellie P. Tyre by Rev. Lyndale. They had four daughters, namely:

Maggie K. Magee, b. 2-25-1921, who married Chester A. Hudson on 5-12-1937.

Alice L. Magee, b. 11-7-1922, who married James L. Willey on 11-5-1939.

Elizabeth E. Magee, b. 9-29-1930, who married Garland Chandler on 8-29-1947.

Janice M. Magee, b. 8-12-1941, who married Ronald Dickerson on 1-24-1959.

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Gertrude Lewis Magee, daughter of Charles Willis (2nd marriage) and Alice (Lewis) Magee is reported to have married and as of 1963 living in Berlin, Maryland, however, no further information was supplied.

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The U. S. Census record for Baltimore Hundred in year 1880 shows the following item:

Jesse P. Magee,	age 44,	Farmer,	Estm'd b. based on Census,	1836
Hester J. Megee,	" 40,	(Wife)	" " " " "	1839
**Mary S.	" 14,	{Dau}	" " " " "	1866
**Martha E.	" 13,	"	" " " " "	1867
***Ida A.	" 7,	{Son}	" " " " "	1873
***George H.	" 7,	" twins	" " " " "	1873
***Joshua E.	" 5,	"	" " " " "	1875
****Ira F.	" 2,	"	" " " " "	1878
****Lydia A.J.	"	Reported b. 6-19-1880 (after the taking of the 1880 U. S. Census)		

The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware, shows: "Jesse P. Megee and Liddy Stevens, 2-17-1870". Their three children were: See Symbol prefix---"\*\*\*"

\*\*\*Ida A. )  
 \*\*\*George H. ) Twins---Estimated birth ----- 1873  
 \*\*\*Joshua E. ) " " ----- 1875

Lydia H. (Stevens) Magee reached "Journey's End" 12-26-1875, probably soon after the birth of Joshua E. Said Lydia H. was born 10-7-1844, therefore about 31 years and 2 months. Record of birth and death of Lydia H. (Stevens) Magee was taken from the tombstone file in the Delaware State Archives.

Jesse P. Magee was married again on 3-7-1877, according to the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, at Dover, Delaware, his wife being Hester J. (Stevens) Magee, the widow of Charles H. Magee. Their two children by this second marriage were:

\*\*\*\* Ira F. Magee, b. (Estimated by Census) 1878  
 \*\*\*\* Lydia A. J.", b. June 19,----- 1880

The 1880 U. S. Census under Jesse P. Lists two daughters, namely, (Symbol by writer):

\*\*Mary S. and Martha E., aged 14 and 13 respectively. These were children of Charles H. and Hester J. Magee listed on the U. S. Census for year 1870 as hereinbefore shown.

In reply to an inquiry made of Mrs. Elmer B. West (nee Bertha E. McGee)---(see George H. Magee-McGee which follows)--the following was received---"You asked about the maiden name of my grandmother, maybe this will clear up the matter. Jesse P. Magee and Lydia Stevens were married February 20, 1870, and grandfather married sisters, therefore Hester J's maiden name was Hester J. Stevens."

It would appear that Charles H. and his brother Jesse P. lived near each other. Charles H. was married approximately in 1863, or around seven years prior to Jesse's marriage in 1870. The passing of Charles H. left his widow with small children and the passing of Jesse's wife on 12-26-1875, left him with twins and one younger child. The subsequent marriage by Jesse and Hester would seem to have been a logical event. Married by Rev. W. R. Tubbs.





State records shows that Hester J. was born about March 1939, and died 6-27-1887, aged about 48 years. Jesse P. born 1836, died 10-5-1907, aged about 71 years. The births and deaths of Hester J. and Jesse P. were taken from the tombstone file in the Delaware State Archives.

No further information received concerning Mary C. and Martha E. listed on the U. S. Census reports for 1870 and 1880 respectively, daughters of Charles H. and Hester J. (Stevens) Magee. No further information received for Ida A. (one of the twins born 1873) or Joshua E. born in 1875, children of Jesse P. and Lydia H. (Stevens) Magee.

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George Henry Magee--McGee, (known as George), b. about 1873, one of twins, of Jesse P. and Lydia H. (Stevens) Magee. Said George H. married Mary Estella Long on 12-6-1897, by Rev. D. F. McFaul. Their issue:

Bertha Elydia McGee, b. 10-6-1903

George H. started life as a farmer, however, in 1907, he bought a store in Selbyville, Delaware. His son-in-law later became associated with the operation of the store, and in 1955 George H. and his son-in-law Elmer B. West erected a new store, a hardware type of merchandise which was operated under the style of McGee-West Hardware.

George H. reached "Journey's End" 6-16-1956, approximately 83 years old. His widow, Mary Estella (Long) Magee-McGee, as of 1963 is living, aged about 84 years, in Selbyville, Delaware.

This couple, George H. and his good wife, were privileged to have membership in that rather exclusive group, the 50th Wedding Anniversary Club, effective December 6, 1947. They had a life partnership of approximately 58 years and 6 months.

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Bertha Elydia McGee, b. 10-6-1903, married Elmer B. West on 8-24-1924 by Rev. Zach. Wells. Their issue:

George Elmer West, b. 6-4-1925

As earlier indicated, Elmer B. West became associated in business with his father-in-law, and the style of the firm is that of the McGee-West Hardware.

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 George Elmer West, b. 6-4-1925, married Mildred Virginia Bishop on 12-1-1945 by Rev. Charles Jarvis. Their two children are:





George Kendall West, b. 9-23-1946  
 Andrea Lee " , b. 6-13-1955

George Elmer is associated with his father in the operations of the McGee-West Hardware, in Selbyville, Delaware, in which town they reside.

NOTE: Information concerning Charles Willis Magee was supplied by Mrs. John L. Murray, (nee Viola Murray Magee). The data for George Henry Magee-McGee and descendants were furnished by Mrs. Elmer B. West (nee Bertha E. McGee) who also submitted the data for Lydia A. J. Magee shown herein.

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Ira F. Magee, according to U. S. Census record, was born in 1878, a son of Jesse P. (2nd m.) and Hester J. Magee. He married Annie E. Bunting on 12-15-1895 by Rev. J. W. Gray. Their six children:

Ethel E. b. 11-13-1896	Viola A. b. 5-30-1899
Cortland " 7-31-1901	Edna Annie b. 10-19-1904
Harold (date not shown)	Warnie C. b. 12-19-1912

Ira F. was a farmer for the major portion of his active life, living between Selbyville and Williamsville, Delaware. In his later years he retired and lived in Selbyville.

Ira F. Magee reached "Journey's End" 4-28-1958, approximately 80 years old. His widow Annie (Bunting) Magee is still living as of July 1963, with a reported age of close to 86 years. This couple were privileged to be members of that exclusive organization, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Club, having been married 50 years on December 15, 1945, and a total of more than 62 years of life partnership.

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Ethel F. Magee, b. 11-13-1896, was married 2-14-1914, to Arthur L. Beauchamp, b. 2-23-1886. Married by Rev. Hill. Their issue:

Arthur L. Beauchamp, Jr., b. 9-29-1921, and married in December 1950, to Doris Greenwalt, b. April 1924. Their three children:

Jeanette Marie-----Albert and Gerald Wayne Beauchamp

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Viola A. Magee, b. 5-30-1899, married John L. Murray on 10-30-1915, by Rev. Julius Burington. Their two children are:

Halton I. Murray, b. 12-31-1918, and ---- Winford E. Murray, born 9-27-1922. The latter married Helen Hudson 6-24-1948. They have one child, Winford E. Murray Jr., born 11-28-1950. They live in or near Selbyville, Delaware.

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Cortland Magee, b. 7-31-1901, married (2nd m.) Elizabeth Collins. As of 1963 they reside in Philadelphia.

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Edna Annie Magee, b. October 1904. She married Raymond R. Jarvis, October 5, 1922, and have one son, namely:

Raymond R. Jarvis Jr., b. 8-28-1923, and he married Doris Richardson on 2-26-1947. She was born 7-30-1927. Their three children are:

Raymond R. III, b. 1-17-1948  
 Claire V. , b. 11- 6-1948  
 Lee A. , b. 1-16-1952

The Raymond Jarvis' (Sr. and Jr.) reside at Ocean City, Maryland, where they are both actively engaged in the Realty business.

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Harold Magee, the fifth child of Ira F. and Annie (Bunting) Magee, married Willana McCabe. As of 1963 they reside in Philadelphia.

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Warnie Chester Magee, (known as Warnie), b. 12-19-1912, the youngest of six children of Ira F. and Annie (Bunting) Magee, married Maud Whaley Gray on 11-25-1933. Their issue:

Gerald Wayne Magee, b. 3-1-1936, married Shirley Ann Collins on 11-8-1957. Their three children as of mid 1963 are:

Mark Warren Magee, b. 9- 9-1959  
 Dawn Rennae " , b. 12-21-1961  
 Dean Lee " , b. 6- 8-1963

Warnie Chester Magee and family live in or near Selbyville, Delaware.

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Lydia A. J. Magee, b. 6-19-1880, the younger of the two children Jesse P. and Hester J. (Stevens) Magee. Lydia A. J. was married three times, (1) John Stephens----(2) Emory Hudson---- and (3) Luther Richards. She had two children, namely:

Hester Martha-----and Hazel May

Lydia A. J. (Magee) Stephens Hudson Richards passed away 4-9-1960, aged 79 years and 8 months plus.

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Hester Martha apparently was named for her grandmother Hester J. (Stevens) Magee. She married Sylvester Townsend: Their four children are:

Clarence Townsend	-----	John Townsend
George	"	-----Virgil

All of the above children are reported as married, but with no further data. Hester Martha Townsend was "Called Home" in March 1942 at the very early age of about 31 years 6 months.

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Hazel May, the second daughter of Lydia A. J. (b. 6-19-1880) was married on 3-21-1936 to Preston Lee Workman. Their children:

Beverly Ebenezer Workman,	b.	9- 5-1938
Elizabeth Ella	"	, b. 4-17-1941
Raymond Lee	"	, b. 6-20-1942
Fred Elbert	"	, b. 12- 9-1943
Virginia Mae	"	, b. 4- 3-1945
Hester Lydia	"	, b. 2-27-1947

It is reported that some of the above children are married as of mid-year 1963 but with no further information.

NOTE: It is interesting to observe that the youngest of the above children was apparently named for her great grandmother Hester, and for her grandmother Lydia.

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LEVIN H. MAGEE-McGEE, b. 8-24-1844-----d. 3-23-1891, aged 46 years 7 months, son of John and Arcada Magee as listed in the U.S. Census for Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, for the year of 1850. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware shows:---"Levin H. Magee and Elizabeth Stephens, 11-28-1874." She was born 9-13-1851-----d. 3-4-1934, aged 82 years 6 months. Their adult issue:

Lillian B. McGee, b. about 1880. She married Archie B. Hudson and their two children were:

Olive Hudson, who married a Mr. Daisey of the Selbyville-Frankford area, and Archie Hudson Jr., who lives in the Selbyville-Williamsville area.

NOTE: All the data for Levin H. Magee-McGee was supplied by Mrs. Hudson's letter dated May 1, 1960 earlier quoted herein for the major part, except,--the marriage of Levin H. Magee-McGee which was taken from the State Archives at Dover, Delaware.

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THOMAS B. Magee-McGee, b. about 1848, the youngest child listed on the U. S. Census for Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County for John Magee and his wife Arcada. The Marriage File in the Hall of Records at Dover, Delaware, shows:---"Thomas B. Magee and Lucinda E. Hickman, 12-22-1870, by Rev. W. R. Tubbs."

The 1880 U. S. Census for Lewes and Rehoboth Hundreds, Delaware, carries this item:

Thomas B. McGee,	age	33,	Estimated birth about	-----1847-1848
Lucinda E.	" , "	33,	" " "	-----1847-1848
Thomas W.	" , "	5,	" " "	-----1875
Cordy C.	" , "	3,	" " "	-----1877
Annie	" , "	11 months	" " "	-----1879

The spelling of the name has been used in all instances as listed on the U. S. Census reports, the Marriage Files of Delaware Archives where specifically named, and in the reports supplied by Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. West and Mrs. Murray.

It would seem that perhaps MAGEE may have been the original spelling as shown for John Magee and his wife Arcada, and by their children as listed in the Marriage Files. This is the same as many Scotch-Irish who came to the Eastern Shore of Maryland from North Ireland and some from England. The marriages of William J. Magee and Charles were not observed in the Dover Archives, although they could be there, but on the other hand many couples along the lower Delaware-Maryland border were often married in Maryland.

Among the children of Jesse P. Magee, it is noticed that George H. and Mary Estella Long were married as Magee, and Ira F. and Annie Bunting were under the name of Magee. The children of this latter couple all use Magee.





George Henry Magee-McGee, b. 1873 apparently always used the spelling of McGee, as evidenced by the style of the business name of the store started in Selbyville, Delaware in 1907 and the spelling of the name by his daughter Mrs. Elmer B. West, likewise the continued style of the McGee-West Hardware Store (1963).

Levin H. Magee, 8-24-1844, son of John and Arcada Magee as listed on the 1850 U. S. Census record, is listed in the Marriage File in the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware, ----"Levin H. Magee and Elizabeth Stephens, 11-28-1874" However, Mrs. Hudson advised in 1960 that their family always spelled the name as McGee. The spelling seems to be an elected choice by certain branches.

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As earlier stated APPENDICES "B"---"C"---and "D" are included herein as information, with the approval and encouragement of the members of the family named as sources of data. Much of the earlier period information was developed during the research for all possible material in connection with the original objective of this PROJECT, namely, JOHN MEGEE, of INDIAN RIVER HUNDRED, Sussex County, Delaware. (See first generation, page 10 to 23 inclusive, and APPENDIX "A", pages 1 to 24 inclusive.

Rather than discard entirely the bits of sideline data, it was believed that in the absence of any previous comprehensive study of the MAGEES---MEGEES---McGEES of lower Delaware that the use of such material as had been developed concurrently with the original objective, should be preserved, that it might serve as a help to any future researchers in connection with certain branches of the family.

A large segment of the descendants of JOHN AND ANN MEGEE of Indian River Hundred live in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, and they are from William Megee, b. 9-30-1775, according to the records of St. George's Chapel, the oldest son of said JOHN AND ANN MEGEE.

Following his second marriage in 1821 in the area of Zoar Cross-roads of his native district, William and his second wife moved to Baltimore Hundred in late 1822 or early 1823. (see pages 28 to 30 of second generation of the main portion of this PROJECT, and their descendants under pages 52 to 99 of third generation, and pages 181 to 223 inclusive for fourth and succeeding generations.

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In the absence of any verified information or even presumptive suggestions from the current descendants of JOHN AND ARCADE MAGEE, (APPENDIX "D") listed in the U. S. Census of 1850 for Baltimore Hundred, the following is offered as potential origins for this branch, and is being chronicled in the interest of preservation of possible related data.





The 1850 U. S. Census lists both JOHN and Arcada Magee as 39 years of age. This would indicate their births about 1811. The Census record also shows that said JOHN was born in Maryland, (presumably in adjoining Worcester County.) It is entirely possible that he could have been a descendant of one, of three earlier lines of Magees-Megees of Somerset-Worcester Counties.

The genealogist, Mrs. Potter, in a brief trip to Snow Hill, Maryland in the first quarter of 1960, in connection with the research for JOHN AND ANN MEGEE of INDIAN RIVER HUNDRED, Delaware, included the following excerpts and references in her report:

Deed BK. I.-p. 554 in 1775 Elijah Shockley to John McGee, tract called CONCLUSION, at the head of Nassawango Creek.

Deed BK. S.- p. 404 in 1790, John McGee to William White, son of Henry, part of tract called CONCLUSION.

Deed BK. R.-p. 107, in 1796, John Megee to Saul Shockley all of his part of tract called CONCLUSION.

Deed BK. R.-p. 202, in 1796, John Megee, of Worcester County to Elijah Shockley,---land called COXE'S CHOICE.

Worcester County, Maryland, Will BK. J.B.R. No. 6, 1802----1806, Will of John Megee, to wife Margaret, daughter Polly, son Briddle, made 2-9-1801, probated 5-12-1803. (The probating of this Will was under the spelling of McGee.) Apparently listed as the writer of the record believed that it should be spelled.

Worcester County created in 1742, was formerly a part of Somerset County. (In this connection Wicomico County created in 1867 was taken from portions of Somerset and Worcester Counties. Originally Somerset County included the Eastern Shore area East of the Nanticoke River to the Atlantic Ocean, plus the lands claimed by Lord Baltimore, as far North as Indian River, thence Westward from about Millsboro, Delaware (now) to Broad Creek, Laurel and the Nanticoke river, at Sharptown. The Delaware--Maryland boundary line as of today, was defined by the Court of Chancery of England and made effective by Proclamation in April 1775. (See Scharf's History of Delaware, 1609----1888, Volume One.)

Briddle Megee, spelled also as Bredle Megee, on certain records, was listed on the U. S. Census records for Baltimore Hundred, Delaware, in 1800, 1810, 1820, and 1830, as the head of a household. Individual names of persons in a household were not listed on Census reports until 1850, aside from the name of the head of the family.

In 1800 the Census records show Bredle Megee in the age bracket of 26 years and under 45 years, with three males under ten years; also one female in the age bracket of 26 years and under 45 years, and one female (presumably a daughter) of 16 years, but under 26.





In 1820 (a score of years later) the Census records show Briddle McGee of Baltimore Hundred in the age bracket of 45 years and upward; also one male under 10 years and one in the bracket of 10 years and under 16 years; with one female in the age bracket of 26 years and under 45 years.

In 1830 the U. S. Census lists under Baltimore Hundred, ---- BREDLE MEGEE, in the age bracket 60 years and under 70 years, with three males under ten years and one of 10 years but under 15 years.

There also were listed one female of 30 years but under 40 years; one under 5 years and one of 10 years but under 15 years. It is possible that said Briddle Megee was married a second time. Note that in 1800 the oldest female was the same age as said Briddle, the head of the household. It would appear that he either married a second time and in 1830 had about six children under fifteen years, or that there were grandchildren of his first marriage. The oldest female in 1830 in the household was in the age bracket of 30 years but under 40, which could lend toward the theory of a second marriage, or one of his children living with him.

Appendix "A" shows that John Magee (identified herein as John (I) who died in 1729 left six sons. He was "of the Wicomico", of Somerset County, near the headwaters of the Wicomico river. His Will dated 1728 specifically stated that GEORGE---JOHN (Jr.) and PETER were to receive equal parts of the home plantation called COXE'S CHOICE, of 300 acres, which he (John (I)) purchased in 1726 and for which he paid 6,000 pounds of tobacco. The records show that George the oldest son sold his portion of 100 acres of COXE'S CHOICE in 1753 and that Peter held his portion until his death in 1766. Son John's (maybe Jr.) portion of 100 acres of COXE'S CHOICE, could be the same tract as was heired in 1729, and that it was further the same tract sold by a John Megee to Elijan Shockley in 1796. He was probably a son or grandson of the John Megee (Jr.) who heired this 100 acres of COXE'S CHOICE in 1729, who is believed to have been born about 1707.

The John Megee who sold the land called COXE'S CHOICE to Elijan Shockley in 1796, was undoubtedly the same man (John Megee) who made the Will dated 2-9-1801, and probated in 1803, naming his wife, daughter Polly (Megee) Rogers, and son Briddle Megee as heirs.

In 1820 the U. S. Census for Baltimore Hundred listed Briddle as the head of a household with one male under 10 years and one between 10 and 15. THIRTY YEARS later in 1850 the U. S. Census for Baltimore Hundred listed JOHN MAGEE AND HIS WIFE ARCADEA MAGEE, as both being 39 years old. This JOHN could have been the younger of Briddle's two sons listed on the 1820 U. S. Census, and could have been named for his grandfather, the maker of the Will of 1801, and the grantor of the deed dated 1796. The record indicated Briddle Megee as an owner of land, likewise the John Magee of the 1850 Census of Baltimore Hundred.





A second possibility of ancestors of JOHN MAGEE of the 1850 Census report is a THOMAS MAGEE--McGEE of Baltimore Hundred listed as a land owner-taxable in 1785, and doubtless the same man as named in CHURCHES OF DELAWARE by Frank Zebley, as being a witness to a deed in 1784 for a site for the SOUND METHODIST CHURCH, just East of Williamsville, Delaware. This deed was acknowledged in the Court of Common Pleas for Sussex County, in 1790. No record has been located of the decease of said THOMAS MAGEE, or of his estate settlement, or any named heirs.

The third possibility of the ancestors of JOHN MAGEE listed on the 1850 U. S. Census for Baltimore Hundred with his wife Arcada and six children, could have been a descendant of the three sons registered in Stepney Parish records of Somerset County, namely; Thomas----Peter----and Samuel born in 1686----1688----and 1691 respectively, sons of George and Maudlin (or Magdalene) Magee.

The presumptive ancestors of the said JOHN MAGEE, of the U.S. Census for Baltimore Hundred in 1850 which have been dealt with to some extent are offered only as potential research territory, to anyone curious enough to take on a task at some future time. The writer has made no effort to pursue the subject beyond the material included under this APPENDIX "D".

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